MAGNIFY...

Magnify . . . 2020

With perfect vision, we looked forward to the year ahead, but no one could predict what was in store. Still, despite the shutdowns and setbacks, the Pirate spirit prevailed, and there were successes to celebrate and memories to cherish along the way.

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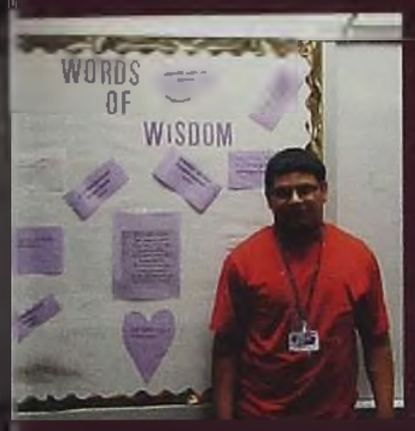
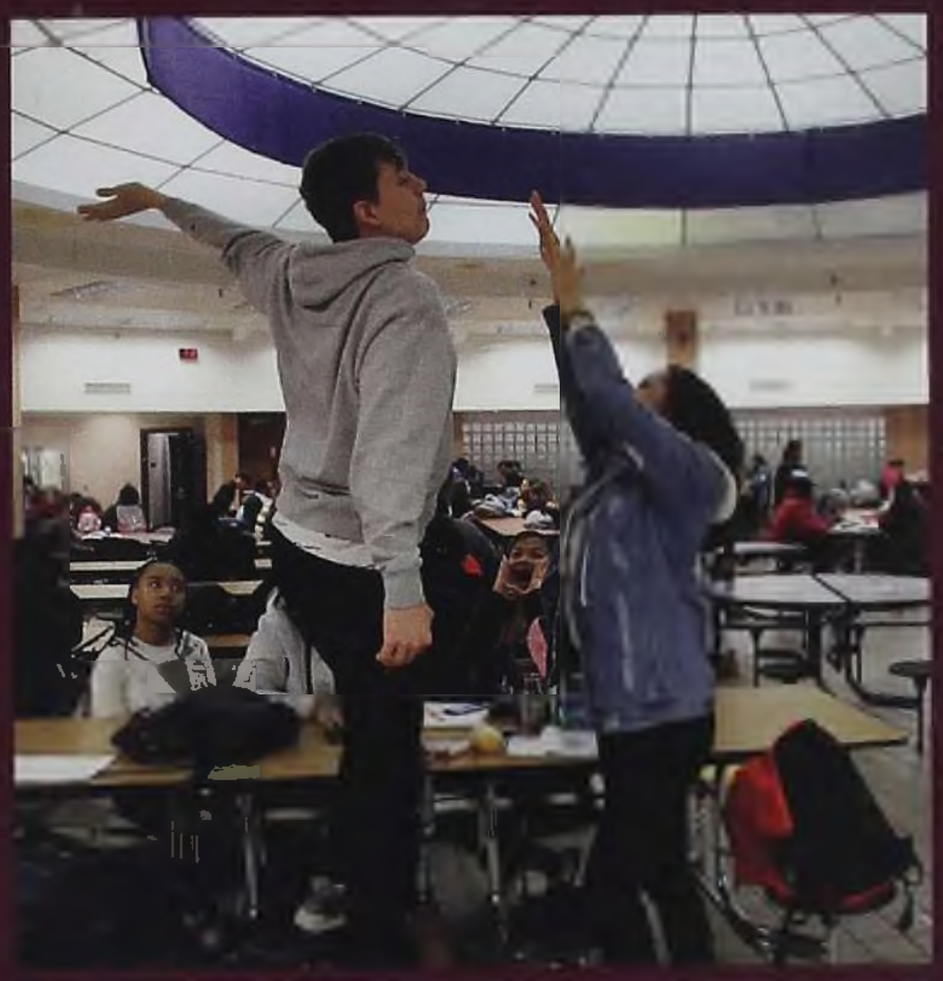
"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."





FALL

Recording the march-around for a PNN segment, Destiny Walker (12) points the camera at the band. She was not enrolled in PNN but still recorded for it often. "I wanted to capture the moment and the excitement from the cheerleaders, dancers, and football players in the walk-around," Walker said. // Photo by C. Ferguson.

With a camera propped up on a tripod, Shad Ulrich (11) interviews Mr. Krutz about the recent student services fire. The fire was contained before major damage occurred. "I am in PNN mainly because I am trying to major in sports radio," Ulrich said // Photo by C. Poulos

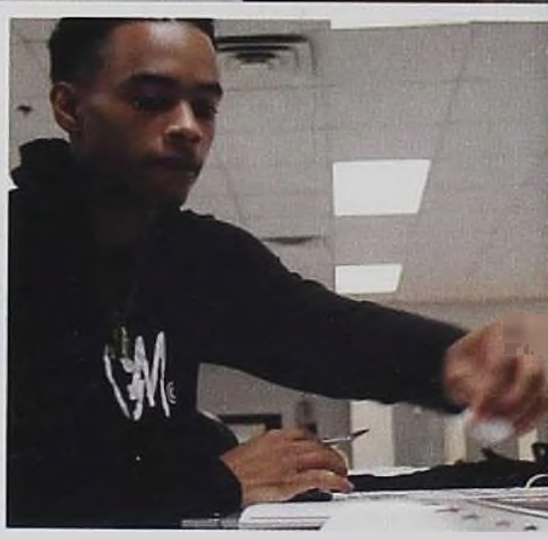
While being interviewed, Terryon Johnson (1 describes what it is like to be president of Student Government. "Being elected made me feel very good about myself,"Johnson said. // Photo by J. Torres

Careers of the Future

Replacing the ink in the screen printing machine, Christian Gonzalez (12) prints his 2020 class shirts for the pep rally. Gonzalez was one of several students who enjoyed creating a brand as part of the graphic arts program run by Mr. Kenny Smith. "My favorite part of Coach Kenny's class is the freedom and creativity we have. We are able to put our brand out there and express ourselves," Gonzalez said. // Photo by C. Poulos

In Introduction to Construction class, Montreal Williams (10) and LaVonta Ash (10) discuss a model with their partners. // Photo by C. Poulos

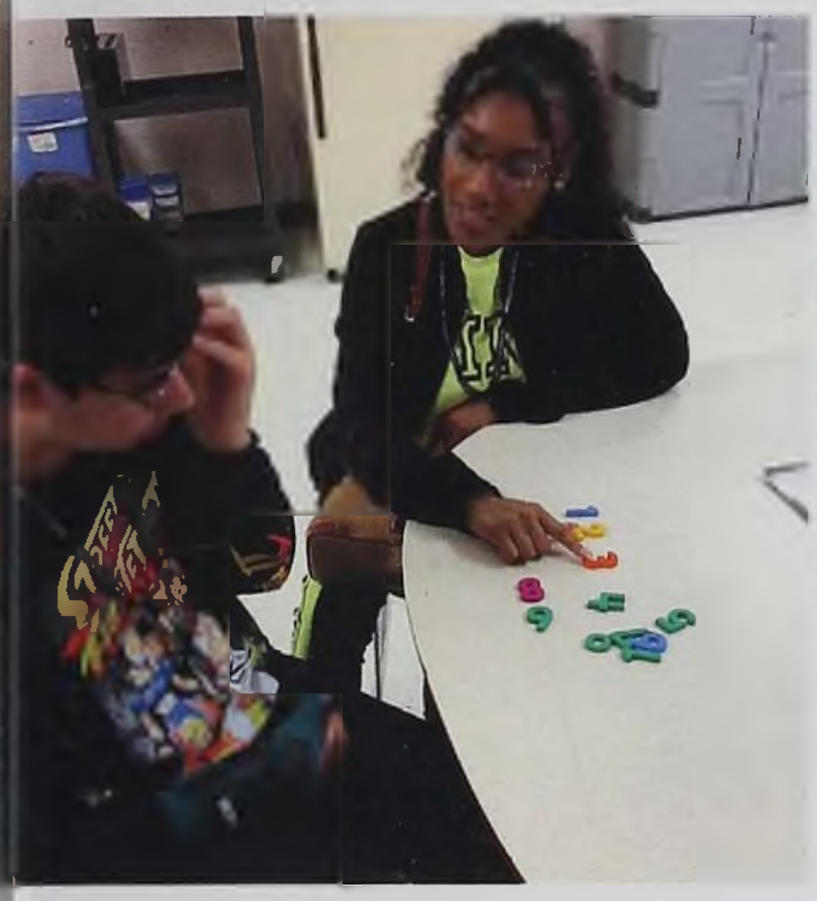
Maintaining her focus, Faith Collins (11) studies for a test in Mr. Haynes' Introduction to Construction class. // Photo by C. Poulos



While stenciling a design, Itez Ma (12) focuses on perfecting his template. "This class is my favorite," Mayo said. // Photo by C. Poulos

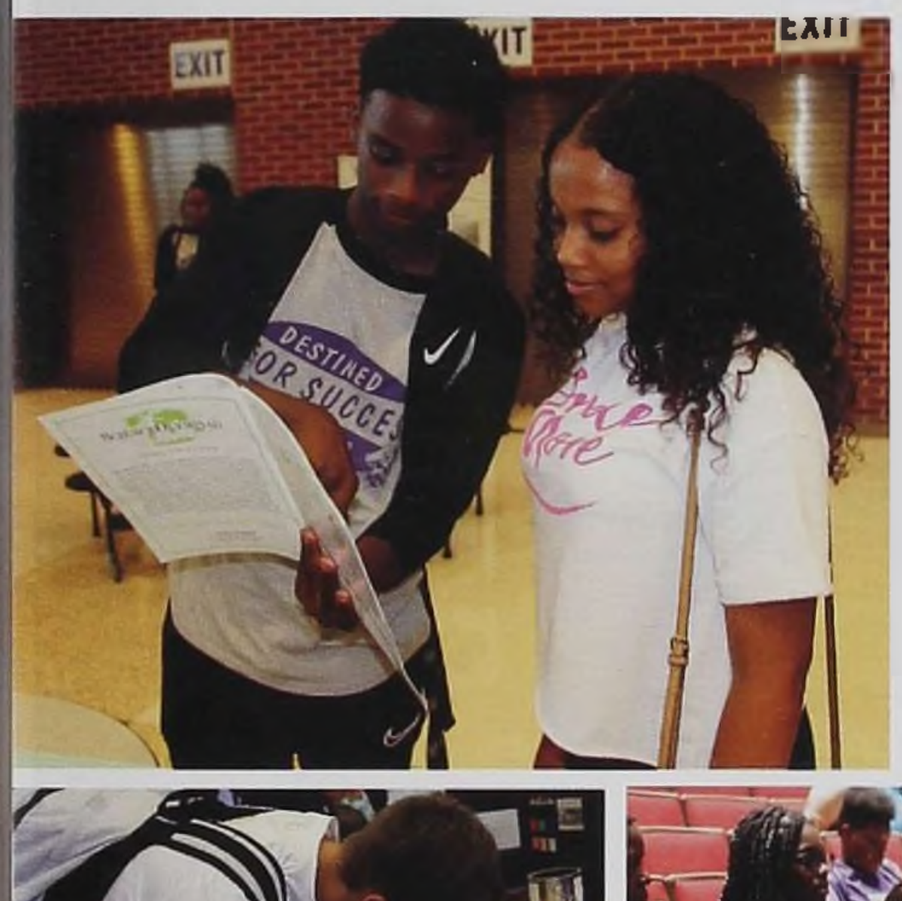
"It is important to have outlets to be able to express yourself, no matter what it is, and mine is editing and recording."

Destiny Walker



…toring Trevor Lanctot (12), Nadja Ireland (12) …plains a math concept. "I feel like helping people is …ways good karma for me," Ireland said. // Photo by … Poulos

Working in the greenhouse, Diamond Sanders (12) waters the plants in the greenhouse. Sanders was a member of the Culinary Club, which helped grow food for cooking classes and the Pirate Cove. "I want them to learn how to garden because they are getting more in tune with nature," Ms.Tubbs said. // Photo by S. Norwood



During freshman orientation, Adonnis Johnson (12) explains a graduation checklist to Bianca McCarter (9). "Freshman mentoring is actually a help for those who do care," Johnson said. // Photo by J. Walker

Q What inspired you to create the shirts?

A "I was inspired by [the response to] 9/11. I love how it brought so many people together no matter the race or background."

… NATHAN SALAZAR MOTA (left) shown with Ramses Valdez

Before starting his first year of high school, Hunter Frangis (9) checks out the display for Thespian Club at Freshman Orientation. "I am really looking forward to freshman year as a new start to everything," Frangis said. // Photo by A. Skertic

Sitting in the auditorium, freshman mentors Donnicci Marshall (11), Nikola Djukic (12), Jerry Walker (12), and Jack Scolaro (12) pay attention to what will be expected of them this year. "There were basic expectations, but high hopes for aiding the freshman," Walker said. // Photo by A. Skertic

Preparing to paint for class, Angelle Taylor (11) concentrates on her work. "I really enjoy this class, along with painting and drawing," Taylor said. // Photo by J. Torres

Dressed up for Senior Night, Jovon Davis (12), Benjamin Brayfield (12) and Alberto Velasco (12) play for the crowd at halftime. // Photos by A. Garcia

Keeping the tempo, Maurice Morgan (12) and Cameron Cunningham (12) play the school song during Senior Night against Chesterton. "I joined band because I always desired to play the saxophone, but later joined the drumline because of their outstanding performances," Morgan said.

On Senior Night, Emily Stevens (12) enjoys her final halftime performance.

With an air of authority, Joseph Sleweon (10) conducts the band's performance.

"I have a lot of pride being a part of ROTC, and I show a sense of being military and standing up for my country."

... Jacob Loyd (12)

While waiting to march out for the National Anthem, Sean Dennehe (11) stands in line with the band. His advice: "Stop thinking and just play."

Playing the flute during halftime, Hannah La Belle (10) stays in synch during her performance. "The band is like a family to me," La Belle said.

Taking the field, Madisyn Dilosa (plays her trumpet during her halftim performance. "I've always wanted t be in the marching band because o how interesting it looks," Dilosa sai

"Mentally, before going out onto the field, I reviewed everything in my head to give this performance my all."

Kaitlin Bowens

Tossing the flag in the air, Heaven Allen (12) performs for the drill team. "Sometimes I'm nervous about dropping the flag, but I take deep breaths and try my best to remain confident," Allen said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

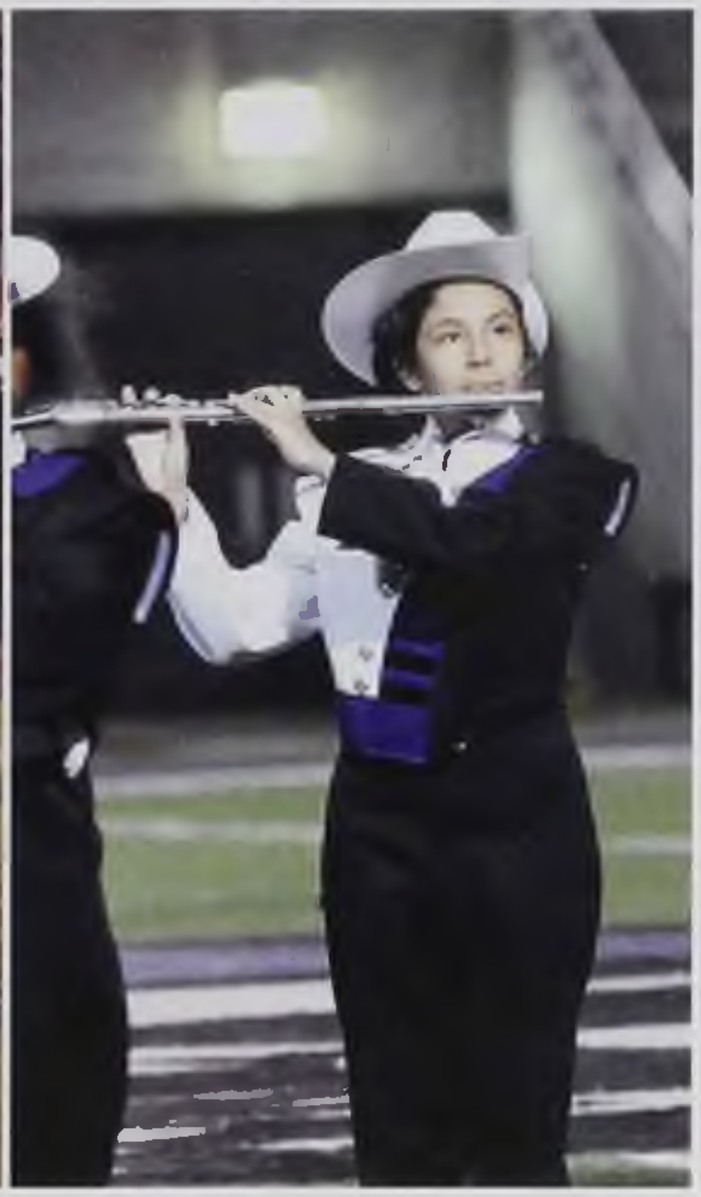
Alongside the marching band, Heavenly Smith (12) performs with the drill team during halftime on Senior Night. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

And the beat goes on

. . . marching band keeps fans entertained

laying the bass clarinet, Isaiah Henderson (12) takes to the field t halftime as the Band of Pirates play a variety of Queen songs, ncluding "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "We are the Champions." // noto by T. DiGrispino

Keeping an eye on the conductor, Jason Steffel (10) performs at halftime. Steffel said he enjoys"being part of the team and being able to bond with my friends and everyone else in band over our performances." // Photo by T. DiGrispino



Standing in formation, Keili Cruz (12) plays the flute for the halftime show of Queen songs. "My favorite part of performing with the marching band was seeing our hard work pay off. After long, hot days of practice, our performance would show how we were able to come together when necessary," Cruz said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

"We're really excited for this school year; we all came together for the last time to celebrate school spirit."

Shakyrah Parson

Braving the cold, fans cheer on the team during the Semistate game in November. Seven buses packed with fans headed to Carmel. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

That's the spirit

. . . fans secret weapon for team's success

While using a megaphone, Alexes Johnson (12) leads the crowd in chants. The crowd wore camouflage for the annual Battle of Broadway game, and cheered loudly as the Pirates defeated rival Andrean 48-20. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Mocking the 59ers nickname, Jodi Corrales (12) shows her school spirit with her sign at the Battle of Broadway game. "I love to see how much the team's improved over the last four years, and all the new people who stepped up," Corrales said. //Photo by T. DiGrispino

Feeling the energy, David Cullum, Imani Bowen and Raelynn Mitchell cheer during the Senior Night game against Chesterton, another victory for the Pirates. // Photo by T. DiGrispino.

Showing his spirit, Josh Cook holds a sign up before the Pirates took on the Hobart Brickies. The fans wore construction gear for the "Break the Brickies" game. //Photo by T. DiGrispino

ooking stylish, Jaden Exford (12) poses for his senior portrait as hotographer Tom DiGrispino focuses in. // Photo by A. Skertic

After having their senior portraits taken, Enrique Ortiz, Darius Green, Christian Hemphill and Julian Carrejo pose for a group photo outside the school.

AN INSPIRED MISSION

During a field trip to Indianapolis, the members of Men on a Mission pose with guest speaker Mr. Shahid Muhammad, an educator from Chicago. The sponsors for the club are Mr. Elisha Israel and Mr. William West. The conference was designed to inspire young men of color to give back to their communities. // Photos by J. Walker

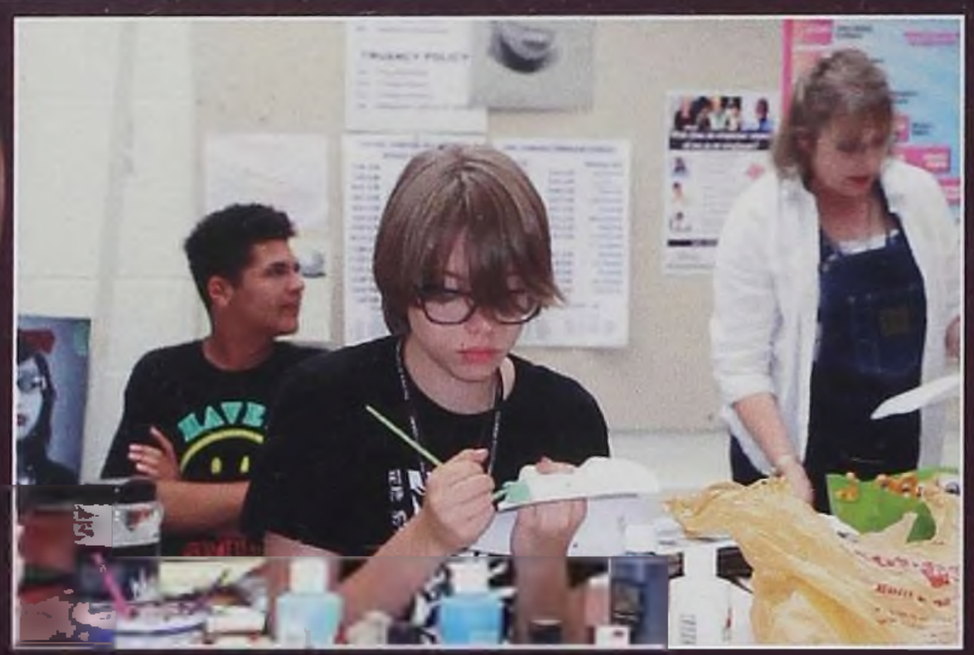
During the conference, Micah Rayburn, Mr. West, Cleophus Ussery, Jerry Walker, KorDae Gaines, Sean Gardner, and Mr. Israel tour the Indiana Statehouse. "The trip taught me a lot more about my culture and its history," Gardner said. At left, Jafar Taylor, K'Lohn Burns, Cleophus Ussery and Jerry Walker pose outside the Statehouse.

Balancing carefully, Hetvi Patel (12) works her way through the ropes course at Fair Oaks Farm during a field trip with the ENL (English as a New Language) Club. // Photos courtesy of D. Czuba

During the ENL field trip, Dishant Patel (9), Jovani Hernandez (9) and Parth Bhogayata (9) tour the farm, including visiting where the piglets are born.

"I joined Art Club because I thought it would be a good way to learn new things and brush up on some of my skills. One of my favorite things we did was decorating a chair like WALL-E to raise money for charity during my sophomore year."

... Margaret Wujek (12)

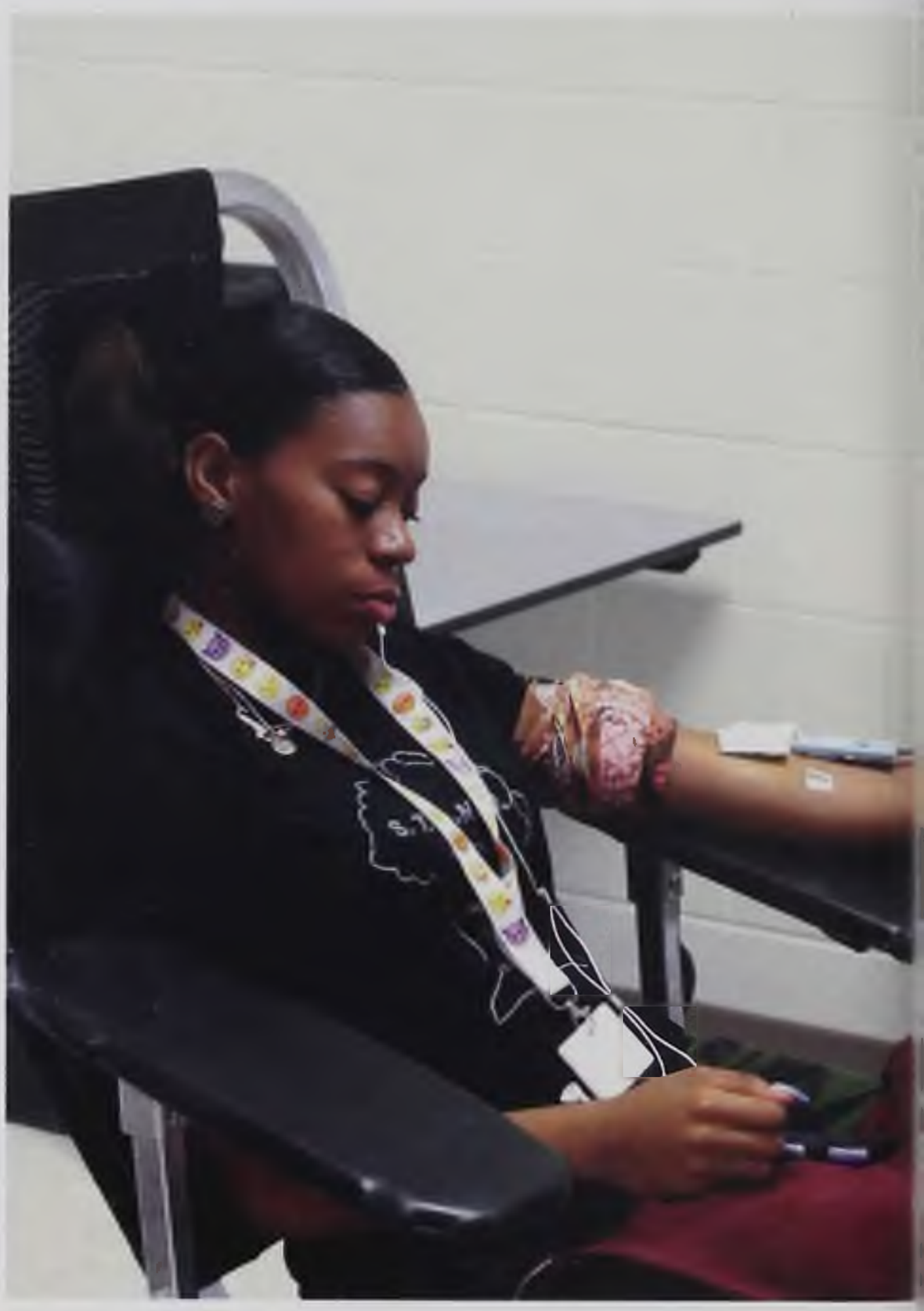


Working on a project with art club, Kayla Danaher (11) makes a mask for the annual homecoming parade. "It went well. I had to paint it and I also learned how to use a lot of materials such as super glue and feathers." Danaher said.

Working alongside Kayla and the art club, Omari Williams (9) sketches and plans out the way he wants his mask to look.

As Sadia Hildebrand (12) prepares for the Homecoming Parade, she paints posters to promote the Environmental Club. "I guess seeing the news about how much climate change has affected our environment just really motivated me to do something," Hildebrand said. // Photo by J. Corrales

In preparation for the Homecoming Parade, students create posters to decorate the YES/Interact Club float. //Photo by J. Corrales



To distract herself while giving blood, Nadia Cooper (11) watches Tik Toks. This was her first time donating. "I just felt the need to," Cooper said. The blood drive was organized by the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Club. They collected 72 units, enough to help 360 people with critical health needs.

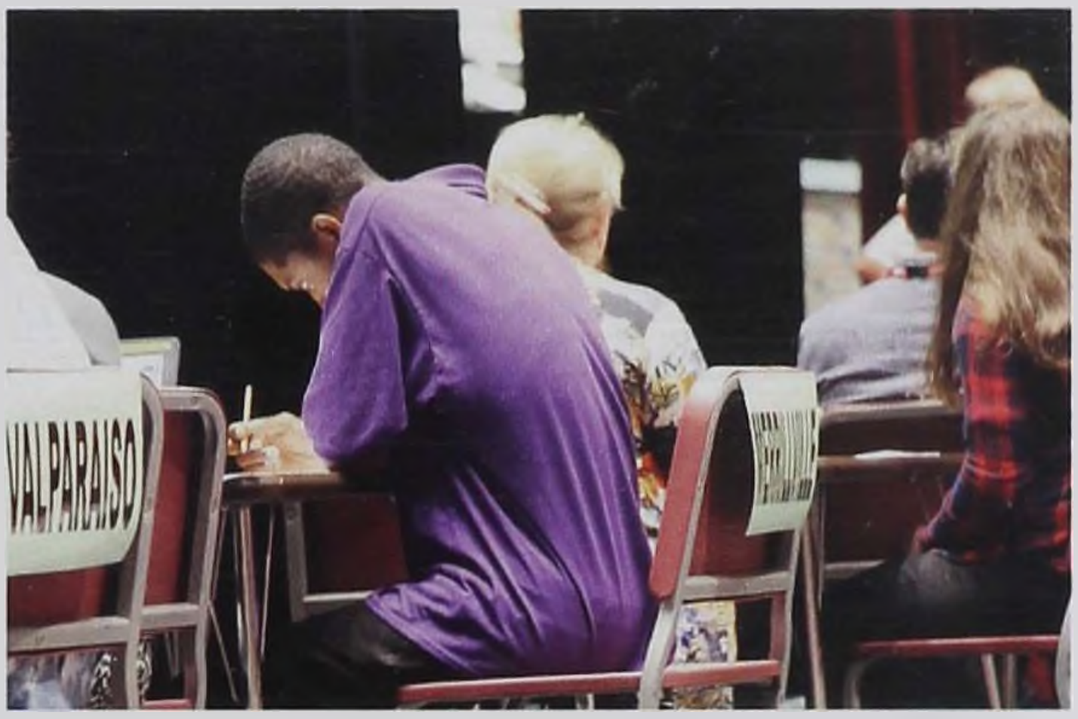
"I joined spell bowl because it reminded me of elementary school and I used to really like spelling."

Darius Lewis

As part of an Educational Professions class, Jaida Anderson (11), Alexes Johnson (12) and Ruby Alvarado (12) work with students at a Junior Achievement fair at Colonial John Wheeler Middle School in Crown Point.

Going the extra mile

Looking away, Bailey Smith (11) relaxes in the chair while giving blood. "It was a little weird, like you knew the needle was there. It didn't really feel any different. Maybe a little pain, but that's it," Smith said.



While listening to the Spell Bowl proctor, Darius Lewis (11) concentrates on spelling the word correctly during a competition at MHS. // Photo by R. Alvarado

After hearing the first word announced, Mercedes Kurtis (12) attempts to spell the word correctly. "I joined Spell Bowl because I thought it would be a great way to improve my transcripts for potential colleges, and to be part of a team," Kurtis said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

Filming the senior class, Destiny Walker (12) captures the crowd as they react to the underclassmen by pretending to fall asleep. // Photo by R. Alvarado

The junior class poses to show off their *Friends* inspired shirts and spirit poster. //Photo by R. Alvarado

When in doubt, dance it out! Kihya Price (12) moves to the beat of the drumline at the end of the pep rally. // Photo by R. Alvarado

The senior spirit is thunderous with lots of cheering from the Class of 2020. Jaeden Newman (12) is roaring the loudest."It was the adrenaline rush of our class being introduced," Newman said. "It feels so surreal to be a senior!" // Photo by R. Alvarado

Banding together, freshmen gather at lunch to prepare for their first ever Merrillville High pep rally. //Photo by J. Corrales

Hype men in the house! Sophomores grasp the last few beats of the pep rally by dancing to the beats from the drumline. //Photo by R. Alvarado

Sporting smiles, members of the orchestra pose before playing on their float. //Photo by J. Scolaro

Alongside his friends, Joshua Brooks (12) dances to the orchestra's music. //Photo by J. Scolaro

Riding a dual float, the YES/Interact Club and the Environmental Club show off their bright float at the Homecoming Parade. //Photo by J. Scolaro

Seniors Shawnte Crenshaw, Aeryana Smith, Asia Porter and Lailoni Chamberlain prepare for the pep rally by blowing up balloons. //Photo by J. Corrales

Cubs' fans Beau'shay Armstead (12), Alan'ya Williams (12) and Daryll Smith (12) pose for a picture in their matching jerseys. // Photo by J. Corrales

On Western Wednesday, Teaun Ford (12) and Jathan Crawley (12) dress as cowboys. //Photo by J. Corrales

Stacked in scrunchies, Mikayla Lemons (12) and Lorena Carbajal (12) dress up as VSCO girls. // Photos by J. Corrales

SPIRIT WEEK

A week of unity through activities and events!

Nicholas Price (12) impersonates YouTuber Lamarr Young.

***Bad Girls Club* enthusiast,** Jamesha Smith (11), dresses up as Tanisha of *Bad Girls Club* in a clip that went viral on social media website *Vine*. //Photo by T. Amisu

This 2020 Spirit Week had more participation than ever. Student Government issued a week-long schedule, including popular traditions and new favorites. The schedule was Meme Monday, Triplet Tuesday, Wacky Tacky Wednesday, Neon Thursday and Spirit Friday. Students put a twist on a few of the days, including Western Wednesday and Throwback Thursday. All spirit days were in good measure and collectively had one goal: to celebrate Homecoming at Merrillville High!

Friends Kaelyn Austin (12), Caitlin Perosky (12) and Jaquisha Haymon (12) rock identical T-shirts for Triplet Day.

Jada Moffett (12) styles her hair to match YouTuber NicoleTV.

Newspaper shenanigans, the newspaper staff was caught having some fun Wednesday in their Wacky Tacky wear. // Photo by A. Earls

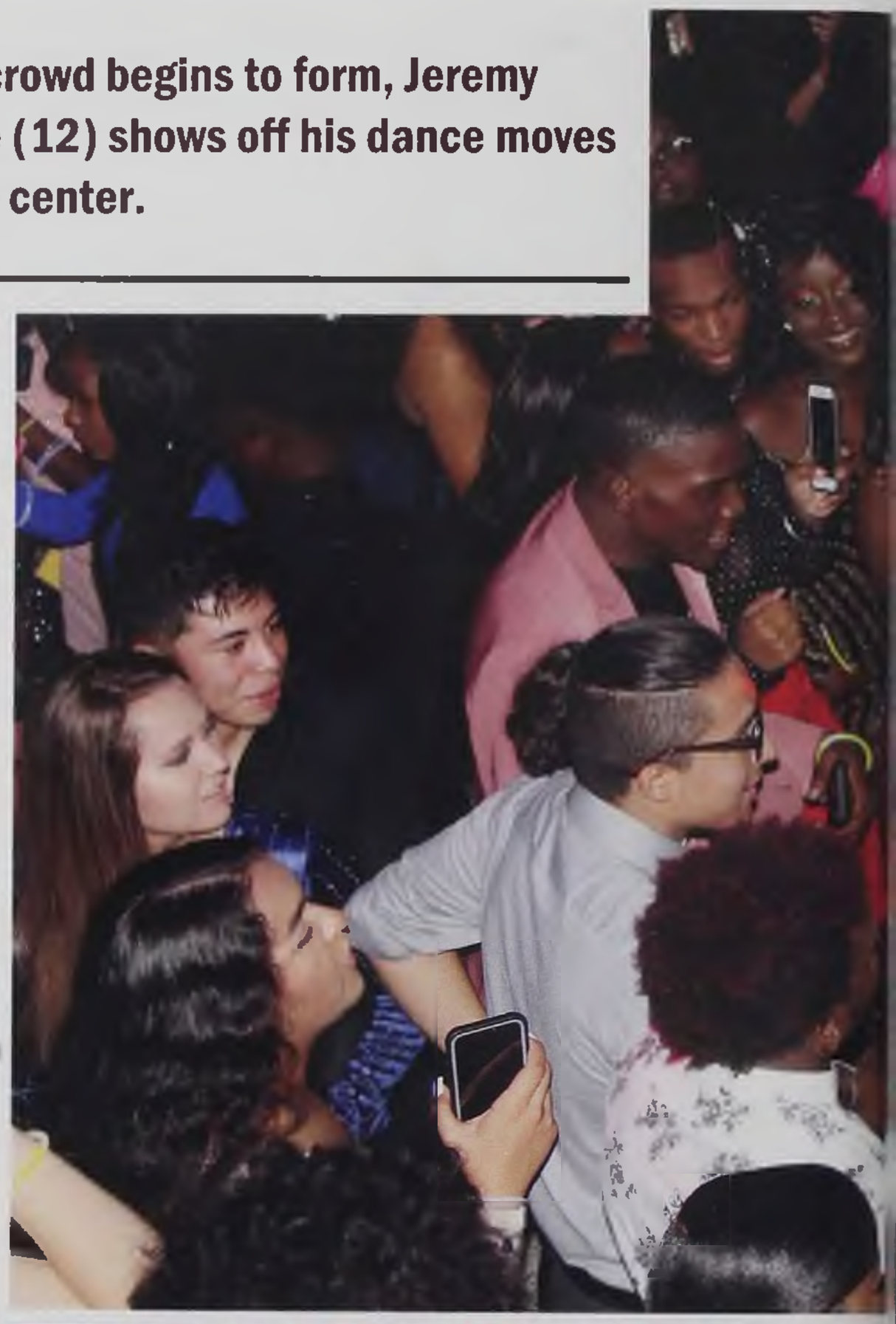
Rylan Lewandowski (12) and Zaria Lucious (12) model some '90s-inspired streetwear. //Photo by J. Corrales

In layers of clothing, Anyla and Aniyah Shields (10) are suited up for Wacky Wednesday. // Photo by J. Corrales

Repping the class of 2021, Alexia Williams, Jayla Turner and Aaniejah Crim are dressed for the Pep Rally. // Photo by J. Corrales

Let's Glow CRAZY

As a crowd begins to form, Jeremy White (12) shows off his dance moves in the center.



Small crowd sees team win after rain delays game to Saturday

1. In the heat of the moment, Jaden Clark (12) tackles a LaPorte rival. "Usually, [tackling] is really just an instinct. We just go down and make the tackle; it's not really something that you think about," Clark said. // Photo by J. Scolaro

2. As his opponent latches on to him, Jeremiah Howard (12) tries to keep the ball out of his reach. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

3. As Coach Seiss hands Jeremiah Howard (12) the signed football, Howard is dubbed "Mr. Football." "Yeah, [I was surprised], but not because I earned [the Mr. Football title]. In the off-season, I was working hard and it paid off. I was doing good in the games and on Friday nights, so the players and coaches voted for me to be Mr. Football," Howard said. // Photo by A. Skertic

4. As the rain falls overhead, Priya Hildebrand (10) and Lauren Molenda (10) watch the game from the stands. "I wish more people could have been there. For a lot of the players, it's their last Homecoming Game, and all of us should have been there supporting them, no matter the weather or what day it was. I also wish the band was there! They make the games so exciting," Molenda said. // Photo by A. Skertic

5. After Darius Schultz (12) runs to the end zone for a touchdown, Jeremiah Howard (12) congratulates him with a chest bump. "[I showed that I] had the ability to still play because I was out for three or four weeks, and to be able to come back from that time, I feel like it was needed," Schultz said. // Photo by J. Scolaro

6. After Mikayla Brookshire is crowned as Homecoming Queen, fellow candidates Azariah Avery (12), Razariah Combs (12), and Jodi Corrales (12) join her for a photo. "I felt surprised and I was grateful that a lot of people wanted to vote for me. I think a lot of people voted for me because those who didn't know me probably saw my PNN interview and liked my personality, and then I just make friends around the school and talk to everybody," Brookshire said. // Photo by J. Scolaro

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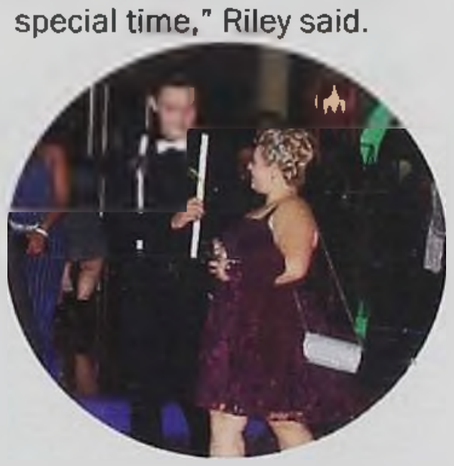
Finding comfort in each other's company, Kennedy Halliburton (11), Miracle Davenport (11), and Heavenly Bullard (11) stay close together during the Homecoming dance.

As the students begin to dance in the middle of the circle, Arieanna Lytle (10), Kionna Rodgers (10), and Aniyah Kelliehan (10) react with surprise.

Watching their peers from afar, Anthony Rivera (12) holds his date, Juliana Ponce, close to him. "[The best part about Homecoming was] just being with everyone, seeing everyone dancing, [and] having a good time. [I liked] seeing everyone's last time dancing," Rivera said.

Dancing the night away, Ariel Riley (12) and Jorge Perez (12) gaze at each other. "[I loved] coming with my boyfriend. It was my first year having a date and I just feel like getting ready together and matching...was just a real special time," Riley said.

While others dance around them, Maria Guardiola (12) and Kayla Alcox (12) embrace each other tightly. "...I'm hugging my best friend who I was waiting to see the whole time at Homecoming. She kept on texting us that she's here, but we couldn't find her, and then she just found us just walking through...I got excited, so I hugged her," Guardiola said.



Trying to please his Homecoming date, Sean Dennehe (11) waves a glow stick to make Bridgette Barnett (10) laugh. "This was my first year going; it was all right. [I would say to] turn the music down, but [the dance] was pretty good," Dennehe said.

6. After weeks of campaigning, candidates Citlali Gomez (12), Mikayla Brookshire (12), Azariah Avery (12), and Jodi Corrales (12) make the most out of their last Homecoming dance. // Photos by A. Skertic

7. As a memento of their experience, Sonia Baranski (11) and her date, Victor Loza-Del Toro, take pictures after arriving at the dance. "It was way better. I went my freshman year and it was pretty terrible. I didn't even know I could request songs. Last year, I couldn't make it because I was in another state, but this year I decided to go with my boyfriend because it would be one of the few times we would be able to go out and dress up nice," Baranski said.

8. With a collection of glow sticks at his side, Tobias Stroh (9) links them together to make a necklace. Stroh's goal for the night was to link 200 glow sticks together. "To get the glowsticks, first, I just started walking around like 'Oh, cool! That one has a connector on it and somebody just dropped it,' so I picked it up, then people just started seeing me amassing them like, 'Oh, hey! You want my glowstick?' I think I got around 190-something," Stroh said.

. . . Outtakes

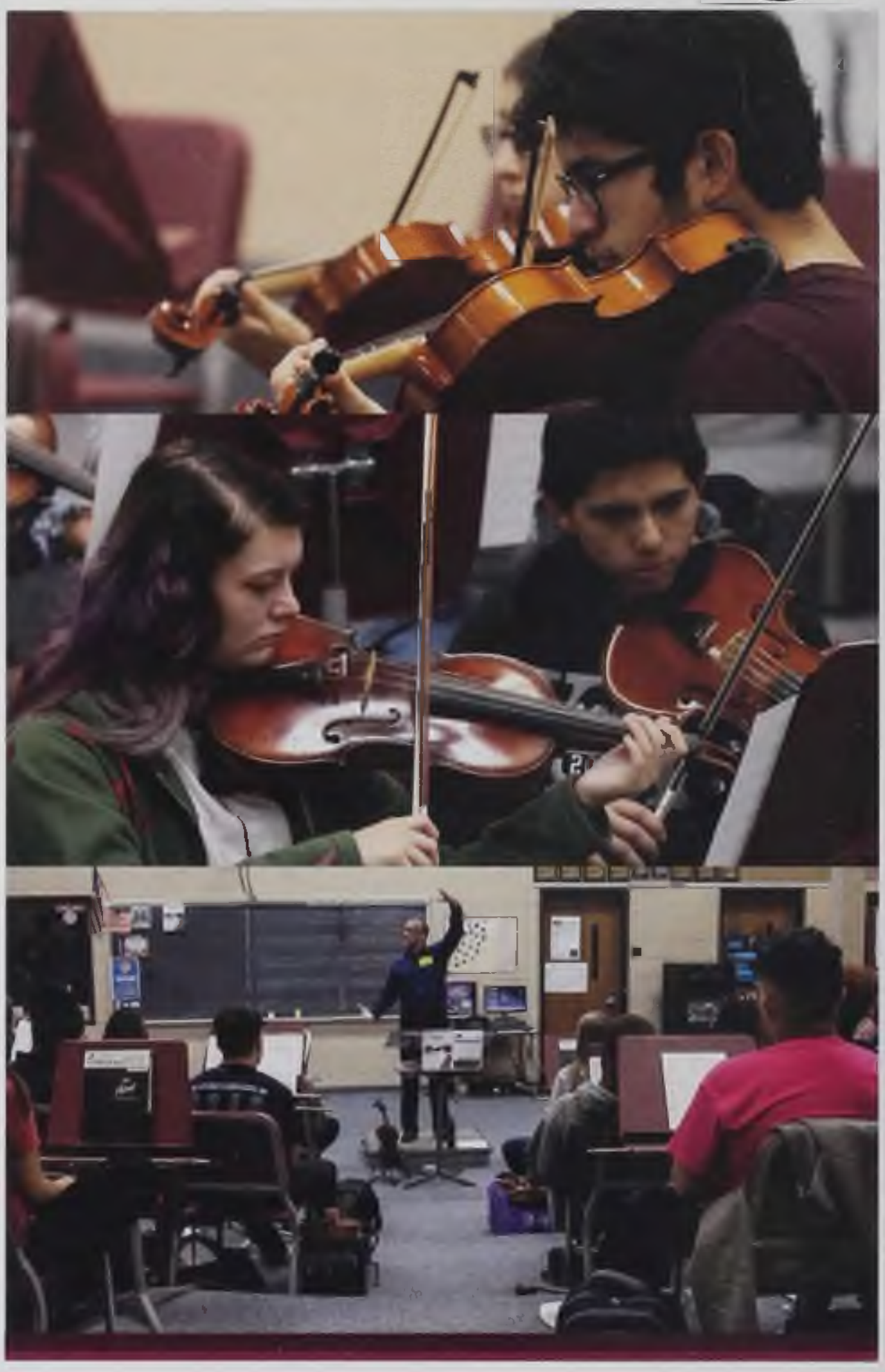
"I would say my favorite dance to learn was the Aladdin Medley during my sophomore year for the Spring Concert. It was an 8-minute medley and it featured a lot of songs from the movie." **Ja'Leah Walker**

Q "What was your favorite part about being in choir?"

A "I love dancing because Mrs. Reinhart teaches different types of dances she learned from Broadway. It's a really good experience to learn these dances and then bring it to an actual professional stage."

... SADE' DANIEL

From being strangers to having the ability to match each other's pitch, Advanced Choir began bonding from the start of the year. Learning new dances enabled the choir to develop social skills, and team-building games helped them work together for a common cause. The hard work and determination led them to the Valparaiso Choral Festival. "If you don't know what you're doing, you can mess up the formation of the entire group, so it kind of just relies on you knowing which moves to do for each part," Ja'Leah Walker (12) said. // Photos by E. Escobar



LOOKING AT THE NOTES

1. While focusing on his music sheet, Axel Beltran-Peralta (11) adjusts his violin accordingly. Orchestra students had a lesson from Charley Harrison, a jazz professor at UCLA who wrote a special composition for the MHS Jazz Orchestra. "He showed us how to play jazz. Because we are a classical orchestra, we don't really play jazz," Beltran-Peralta said.

2. With her bow raised, Lauren Young (12) rests for her next measure. The advanced orchestra had the opportunity to perform a piece conducted by Professor Charley Harrison especially for the MHS Jazz Orchestra. "It was a little different, you don't know exactly who he is, or how he teaches, but you are interested. You want to see how he teaches compared to how you are used to with Ms. Rosenthal," Young said.

3. Teaching them new works, Professor Harrison directs MHS orchestra students. Professor Harrison visited all day to work with orchestra classes and the Jazz Orchestra after school. "I am really excited about this opportunity for our students," Ms. Diane Rosenthal said. "It's pretty special to have a piece written for you and even more unusual to get to work with the composer of the music you are playing." // Photos by J. Scolaro

FACT Charley Harrison is known for his involvement as the UCLA Jazz Orchestra Associate Director, as well as his work as a composer.

SPOTLIGHT

... on a Cinderella story

Priya Hildebrand...
Despite her nervousness, Hildebrand tries out for the Fall Play. "I'm nervous, but always try your best," Hildebrand said.

Merci Tan...
While at the Fall Play auditions, Tan relaxes before going on stage and succeeds in getting the lead role of Ash Girl.

Myia Dickerson...
On stage for auditions, Dickerson acts out an emotional scene, landing her the role of Sadness.

This year the Thespian Troupe preformed a rendition of Cinderella called *Ash Girl*. Ash Girl is seen as a burden until her love interest Amir whisks her away from her past life. A difference from the original play is that the seven deadly sins influence the characters and the outcome.

Vhile gazing into each other's eyes, Merci Tan (10) and iersten Stowe (10) engage in a heartfelt moment on stage. t's kind of exciting because I've always wanted to be in ome sort of production where I had a love interest," Tan aid. // Photos by T. Mackey

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. Looking over Ash Girl, Andrew McKnight (10) lures Merci Tan (10) with temptations. The feelings Ash Girl displays are there in physical form, giving cast nembers the opportunity to be themselves. Using that atmosphere, the play gave young actors inspiration and courage to perform. "I think that in the future I ill audition for more lead roles," McKnight said.

. As the duo opens the scroll, Leah Mallon (11) and Lauren Molenda (10) await the message from the royal family. Mallon and Molenda played sisters in this ear's Fall Play. "It helps me a lot to have someone to bounce ideas off of . . . so we could decide what we thought looked good," Molenda said.

. While taking in the scene, Jarius Taylor-Newman (11) waits for a signal to recite his lines. He played an otter, although he is pictured in human form. "It akes you out of your comfort zone; you have to embody a creature that's completely different from what you do in your everyday life," Taylor-Newman said.

Focusing in, Amnah Asghar (12) puts henna onto a carnival-goer's arm. "I was very happy doing henna on other people and seeing their reactions," Asghar said. // Photo R. Alvarado

With smiles on their face, Terryon Johnson (12) and Victoria Smith (9) enjoy hula hooping. "It was fun... I got to hang out with my friends," Smith said. // Photo R. Alvarado

Taking her time, Farah Abu Eid (9) paints a child' face at the carnival. "I enjoyed face painting because I liked seeing the kids happy," Abu Eid said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

Playing Loteria, members of the Spanish Club, (left to right) Yulissa Gonzalez (12), Itzel Viramontes-Renteria (12), and Richard Grey (12), show some children the next card during a game at the carnival sponsored by the Yes/Interact Club. //Photo by R.Alvarado

Smiling from ear to ear, Marianna Lares (10) paints a child's face. "I enjoyed seeing people smile... it was filled with good vibes." // Photo by F Alvarado

. . . YES/INTERACT CARNIVAL

TRICK or TREAT

Dressed for the occasion, the girls' basketball team hands out lollipops to a mini-dinosaur. // Photo by A. Skertic

Coming together, the gymnastics team takes a break from passing out treats. // Photo by A. Skertic

Posed for the camera, Zachary Dunn (10) and Natalie Martinez (11) dress up a the Grinch and Max. // Photo by A. Skerti

"Being a member of the Spanish Club has enabled me to become more of an extrovert since entering high school."

Itzel Viramontes-Renteria

ocusing on her art, Rebecca aluska (12) decorates a fan bus. ..It was an adrenaline rush," aluska said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

Showing her pirate pride, Amari Green (10) decorates the fan bus for the trip to the Semistate game. "I enjoyed decorating the fan bus; it was a good experience," Green said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

SEMISTATE SEND-OFF

"Being in band and drumline is special to me. I've been involved since sixth grade and I've made the best of friends."

... Justyn Jones (12)

Fan-tastic Times!

ocused on the music, Justyn Jones (12) and Everett and Nicholas Lewis (11) lead the bass rums throughout the halls in a march-around to send the football team to Semistate. "I love veryone's energy and the excitement of performing," Jones said. // Photo by A. Earls

Leading the team, Jeremiah Howard (12) proudly walks the halls with Aahric Whitehead (12) and Xzavier Shell (12). // Photo by A. Earls

Taking a break, Karrington Patton (9) and Brice Sanford (10) march down B hall. "I enjoy performing in the march-arounds to spread school spirit," Sanford said. // Photo by A. Earls

With a focused look, Jalen Conti (12) and Rayllie Therolus (10) draw pirates on to the fan buses. // Photos by R. Alvarado

Was the food drive a good experience?

"The food drive was a great experience because it felt really good to give food and knowing people have something to eat instead of starving. I feel like everyone should experience moments like this; they will go home knowing there's more to give and less to suffer."

... TERRYON JOHNSON (12)

Photo by M. Williams

"Yeah, it's definitely my career path... I took it just because I wanted to try something new of interest."

Mary Manis

Q Was this lab the most effective for you?

A "Yes, because we got to see what was going on right in front of us and really understand."

... Jazmyne Goerner (10)

Photo by R. Alvarado

From left to right, Shani'yah Gonzalez (11) and Jesse Williamson (12) work on chopping and cooking ingredients to make a pasta sauce. //Photos by R. Alvarado

"I very much enjoy cooking and value it as an essential skill to learn. Cooking will always be a part of my life."

... Jesse Williamson (12)

A CLOSER LOOK

1. Working as a team in Mrs. Mondragon's biology class, Kamery Hoover (9) and Alexander Kennedy (9) pick up peroxide with an eye dropper. "Me and my partner worked together by taking turns while doing the different things ... such as answering questions that were asked about the lab; it made it easier," Hoover said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

2. Handling the test tubes with precision, Lupita Ramirez (10) works on a lab,"[The most interesting part was] getting to mix different mixtures, which caused the mixture to fizz up." // Photo by D.Franklin

3. With a determined look, Jhaison Brooks (10) carefully places peroxide into the sample with his partner. "We communicated and figured out what we needed to do," Brooks said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

FACT Born on July 5th 1996, Dolly the sheep was the first mammal to be cloned from an adult cell.

With a focused look, Eric Williams (12) practices building the walls of a house in Mr. Taylor's advanced construction class. // Photo by A. Skertic

Concentrating on their work, Roy Akins III (11) and Sirrell Jones (11) work together to build a bird house. // Photo by C. Poulos

Watching professionals at work, students from Mr. Taylor's construction trades classes visit Bosak in Merrillville. // Photo courtesy T. Taylor.

Career pathways

. . . teach students essential skills

As sparks fly in the air, Mary Manis (12) welds a tack in Mr. Sokol's welding class. "You know it does feel empowering being the only girl in the class," Manis said. //Photo by R. Alvarado

Top, Garrett Harmon (12) does an oil change as Angel Santos (12) changes the rear shocks.
Bottom, Samuel Anguiano (12) and Rayne Watson-Devine wire doorbells in electronics class. //Photos by R. Alvarado

Road to Semistate

Celebrating. members of the team pose for a picture with the Sectional championship trophy after a 10-9 win against Crown Point. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

After scoring the only TD against Crown Point, varsity running back Darius Schultz (12) stands in the end zone during the Sectional game. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

During the Semistate game, Quarterback Peter Rodriguez (12) rushes for a first down against Carmel. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

During the postponed Homecoming Game. Damien Dixon (12) and Aahric Whitehead (12) work together to move the ball against a tough LaPorte team. "I have to score or get as many yards as I can, so my team can get the first down," Dixon said. // Photo by J. Scolaro

Celebrating in the end zone, defensive end Khris Walton (12) looks back after intercepting the ball and returning it for a touchdown during the Homecoming game. // Photo by J. Scolaro

During the Introduction, Nicholas Price (12) greets his teammate as his name is called out before the game against Portage. Merrillville won the game 46-7. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

"Football is not just a game, it's a lifestyle."

Peter Rodriguez

Champions PLAY TO WIN

Special bond helped seniors lead squad to Sectional, Regional titles

On Oct. 4, the undefeated Pirates squared off against the undefeated Valparaiso Vikings and came up just a point shy of winning one of the biggest games of the season, ending their six-game winning streak.

Although the loss was gut-wrenching, as they walked off the field, it served as a lesson to the team.

"It opened our eyes and we decided that we would play harder, and we followed through in the playoffs," Peter Rodriguez (12) said. "I would describe the season as very successful. We made it pretty far in the playoffs and played as not only a team, but as a brotherhood."

The Pirates made it all the way to Semistate for the first time since 2012, but came up short of the championship. "It actually hit me kind of early that this would be the last time I played with this team. It was in the first playoff week against Lafayette Jeff that I realized that could've been my last game," Adonnis Johnson (12) said.

Damian Dixon (12) said there was one simple reason for their success. "We had more chemistry with each other; a lot of us grew up with each other and played Pop Warner together," he said.

The team finished with a tremendous 11-2 record, along with Sectional and Regional championships. "Even though it didn't end how we wanted it to, I'm grateful to have been a part of this team and be remembered by it," Nicholas Price (12) said.

gainst Portage, quarterback Peter Rodriguez (12) ushes for a touchdown. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

s the captains line up, they take a picture on Meet he Pirates night with the Pop Warner winner of a signed ootball. "I feel like I was chosen to be a captain because r my leadership qualities, and I'm outspoken," Latiker aid. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Kevin Chatman (12) rushes into action in order to stop his opponent from scoring. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Josiah Ellison (12), who plays on the defensive line, tackles his opponent. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Eddie Drake (12) gets fired up on the sidelines. // Photo by J. Scolaro

reparing for the play, Darion ohnson (12) gets into his defensive ance. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

At the Battle of Broadway, Darius Carrington (12) blocks a defender. "I like my position because I get to hit somebody every play I'm in," Carrington said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

After catching the football, Xzavier Shell (12) accelerates towards the end zone. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Starting after the snap, Martes Lewis (12), prepares to protect his quarterback, Peter Rodriguez (12), from the opposing linemen. // Photo by J. Scolaro

Prior to the big win against Valparaiso, Angel Paniagua Cedillo (11) hugs and prays with friends Eloiso Barajas (11) and Victor Pagoada Hernandez (12). // Photo by J. Corrales

In the midst of a game, Adeleke Igbasanmi (12) smiles as his teammates joke on the bench during the Valparaiso game. // Photo by J. Corrales

Coming back to his hometown, Jesse Villarreal (12) is happy to be playing for MHS after two years away. "I just think we all work hard to get these tough wins. We battle it out and give it our all in every game to win," Villarreal said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

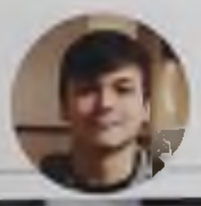
While saving a shot from Andrean, goalkeeper Nikola Djukic (12) keeps the opponents on their toes. The 2-0 wi was one of 11 this season. "This is the best defense we have had in fours years," Djukic said. For his part, Djukic earned 177 saves on the season. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Celebrating Hoosier Cup Win

The Pirates earned the title of Hoosier Cup Champions, only the second in the school's history to do so. The team produced a tie Friday night against New Castle, and on Saturday morning, the Pirates punched their ticket to the finals with a shutout against Evansville North. With a final score of 4-2 in the championship match, the team became the 2019 Hoosier Cup Champions. This win symbolized the hard work the team put in day in and day out. Becoming the champions was sentimental to the players and coaches as they dedicated the victory to Coach Brian Past's mother, who passed away prior to the tournament. // Photo by V. Maldonado

"Not only did this bring us closer, but this win was a dedication to Coach Past and his late mother." **Isaiah Vorice (12)**

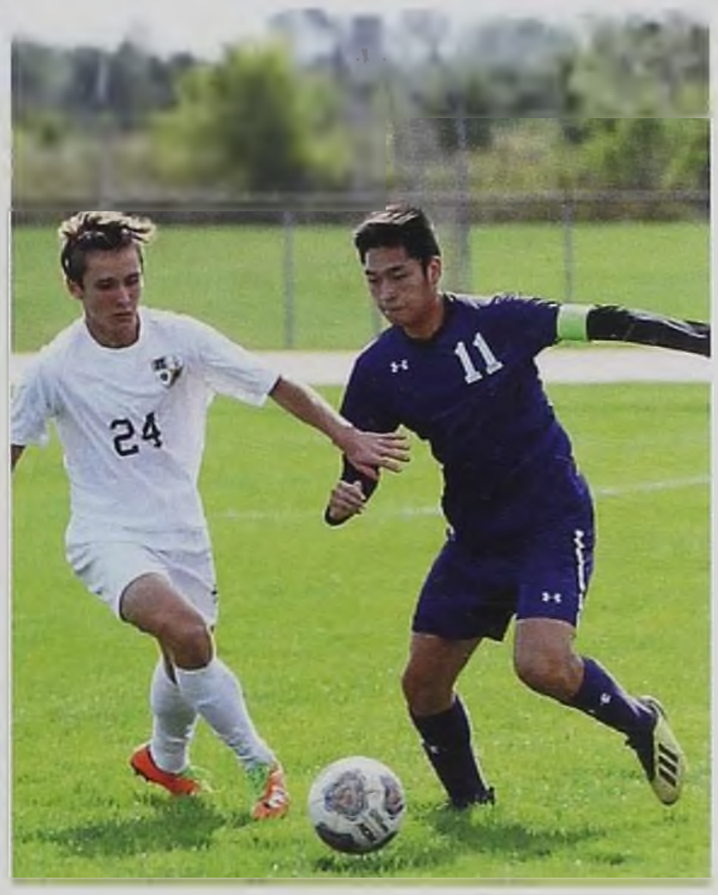
"It felt amazing to be only the second team in school history to win the Hoosier Cup." **Tyler Turner (12)**



"I feel like we worked harder this year, because we knew we could do *something*. Everyone put the work in and everyone did their part."

Nicholas Knight

Playing sweeper, Victor Hernandez Pagoada (12) clears the ball from the goal area. "I benefited from summer scrimmages and practices. I also try to take every practice and every game seriously," Hernandez Pagoada said.



Hustling after the ball, Austin Vo (12) is determined to defeat non-conference rival Hobart. "I didn't play my best, but with two postseason wins, it shows otherwise," Vo said. The Pirates finished their season in the Sectional final. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

Concentrating on the perfect pass, Jacob Maldonado (12) moves the ball past Munster in the 1-9 loss. "Although we took a hard loss, we used it to help us win some tough matches down the road," Maldonado said.

Celebrating a goal during the Pirates' first home game, Nicholas Knight (11) and Anthony Rivera (12) rejoice over the goal scored on cross-town rival Andrean. "Anthony just pointed up, and we both jumped," Knight said.

EYES *on one* GOAL

The team came together to silence their doubters with key victories. Their success was a testament to the hard work put in every day.

The Pirates went into the season with a single goal: defy the odds. "We may have difficulties but we have to fight through them because at the end of the day we are a family, a family with one goal," Austin Vo (12) said.

The team rose to the challenge and went 11-8-1 this year. A three-game streak set the tone for the first winning season in over a decade with the team shooting from unranked to No. 6 in the area.

"I was really confident coming into this season," Senior Jacob Maldonado said. "I feel like our team wasn't necessarily the best skill-wise, but I know that our team chemistry was the best in the last four years, so I think that really helped."

The Pirates took a trip to Bloomington, Ind., and came back to town as the Hoosier Cup champions, an achievement only one other team in school history could accomplish.

With lots of momentum, the team gained a huge win against conference foe Valparaiso in a thrilling series of penalty kicks. As the Pirates finished up their regular season, it became rocky with four straight losses, but their intensity amplified.

"We have heart and fight in us," Senior Anthony Rivera said. "We are like the underdog team, so nobody was expecting us to do all that well."

Breezing past Portage in the opening round of the Sectional, they took on Valparaiso in the semifinals. With a 1-0 victory, the Pirates earned their way into the Sectional final, where their season was ended by the reigning state champion.

Regardless of what anyone says, the Pirates proved doubters wrong with numerous victories as one family on and off the field.

1. Running from behind an Andrean defender, Zachary Krause (10) is determined to win the ball back. "I knew I had to step up as an individual to win for the team," Krause said.

2. Dribbling to the outside, Jerry Walker (12) sneaks the ball past the opponent, leaving him on the ground. "I was too fast for my opponent," Walker said.

3. Defending the right side, Elijah Sandridge (12) tries to prevent the ball from being stolen by his opponent. "My job was to contain the ball throughout the game," Sandridge said.

"When we walk out the locker room, there is a sign above the door that says 'Nothing's Impossible,' so we all try to slap the top of it when we leave."

Maria Guardiola

CHICKS *with* KICKS

Combatting the frustrations of their season, the girls' soccer team made efforts to stay positive, communicate, and cooperate more.

With a phone propped up against her backpack, Aaliyah Perry (12) recorded a dance with her teammates, laughing wildly. "Almost every time before every game ... I'm always making a TikTok with people on the team. It gets me excited and ready to play, like a playful mood," Perry said.

Perry's methods of getting into a positive mood before matches showcased how the girls made an effort to create stronger bonds to make the most out of a season with just one victory. "I say the team is as close as they can be; they don't really have problems with each other. They don't really have drama ... [that] other teams have," Aahliyah Moreno (11) said.

Moreno's teammates described how she often played a key role in pushing the team forward as the season progressed. "[My greatest motivator] is probably Aahliyah Moreno because she always tells us 'good job' and makes us feel better about ourselves," Kozmelina Morales (9) said.

According to Miriam Velasco (11), Moreno motivated the girls to be the best during games. "[What I enjoy is] definitely the relationship you build with the other girls...it's kind of like a sisterhood and you kind of feel like you belong," Perry said.

Pouring effort into ensuring that the team was close made the girls' experience feel much better. "I try to put myself in the mindset that this is my other family and we love each other...we are going to go out there and play our hardest even if we lose," Kaylee Conner (12) said.

Slowing down her pace, Stephany Valladares (11) scans the field. "My greatest motivator is my dad because he pushes me to do better every game," Valladares said.

After a powerful kick, Jianna Torres (10) watches the ball fly away. "If I do a good job, I like to look over and see what [Coach] Fairbairn does; I like to see that my coach is proud of me because if he's at that level, I know I'm probably at that same level as him," Torres said.

With fists clenched above her head, Brooke Conner (10) pulls her leg back for a kick. "We struggle with communication, speed, and I just thinking about the game," Conner said.

As Jacqueline Velasco (12) claps beside her, Maria Guardiola (12) waves to spectators with a smile. "I enjoy playing with all my friends and all the girls and having a great time whethe we win or lose," Guardiola said.

Blocking other players from the ball, Aahliyah Moreno (11) waits for an opening in her opponent's defenses. "It was either dance c soccer, and the reason I chose soccer was because I could see a future with soccer," Moreno said.

1. Holding on with a steady grip. Miriam Velasco (11) prepares to throw the ball back into play.

2. With a look of intensity, Aaliyah Perry (12) kicks the ball off of one knee. "A team strength is definitely trying to work together ... we always try to make sure everybody understands and learns from everybody's mistakes," Perry said.

3. Moving with fluidity, Jordan Yanders (11) approaches the ball.

4. As the ball bounces off her head, Emily Garcia (12) recoils from the force.

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Reaching out with both hands, Kaylee Conner (12) leans in for a catch. "I really like playing goalie...There's just a different energy, like you're constantly worrying about your position, but as the goalie, you're worried about everyone. You have the best view of the field and you can see what the other team's doing, what your team's doing, and you can direct them to where they need to be," Conner said. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

Crouching down low, Brisa Sanford (12) anticipates her opponent's next move. Sanford, the team MVP, reflected on her aspirations and the motivation behind them. "[My greatest motivators are] just my own personal goals. I want to be my own best and do my best – to just always try my hardest and play hard," Sanford said.

Attempting to kick the ball away, Kozmelina Morales (9) holds her opponent back. "I'm fast with the ball and shooting. My weakness is communication; I don't really talk as much as everybody else," Morales said.

Going for the Goal

Andrea Hernandez Meijia (11) demonstrates the proper form for taking a goal kick, which is awarded to the defending team, when the other team kicks the ball out of bounds past the goal line.

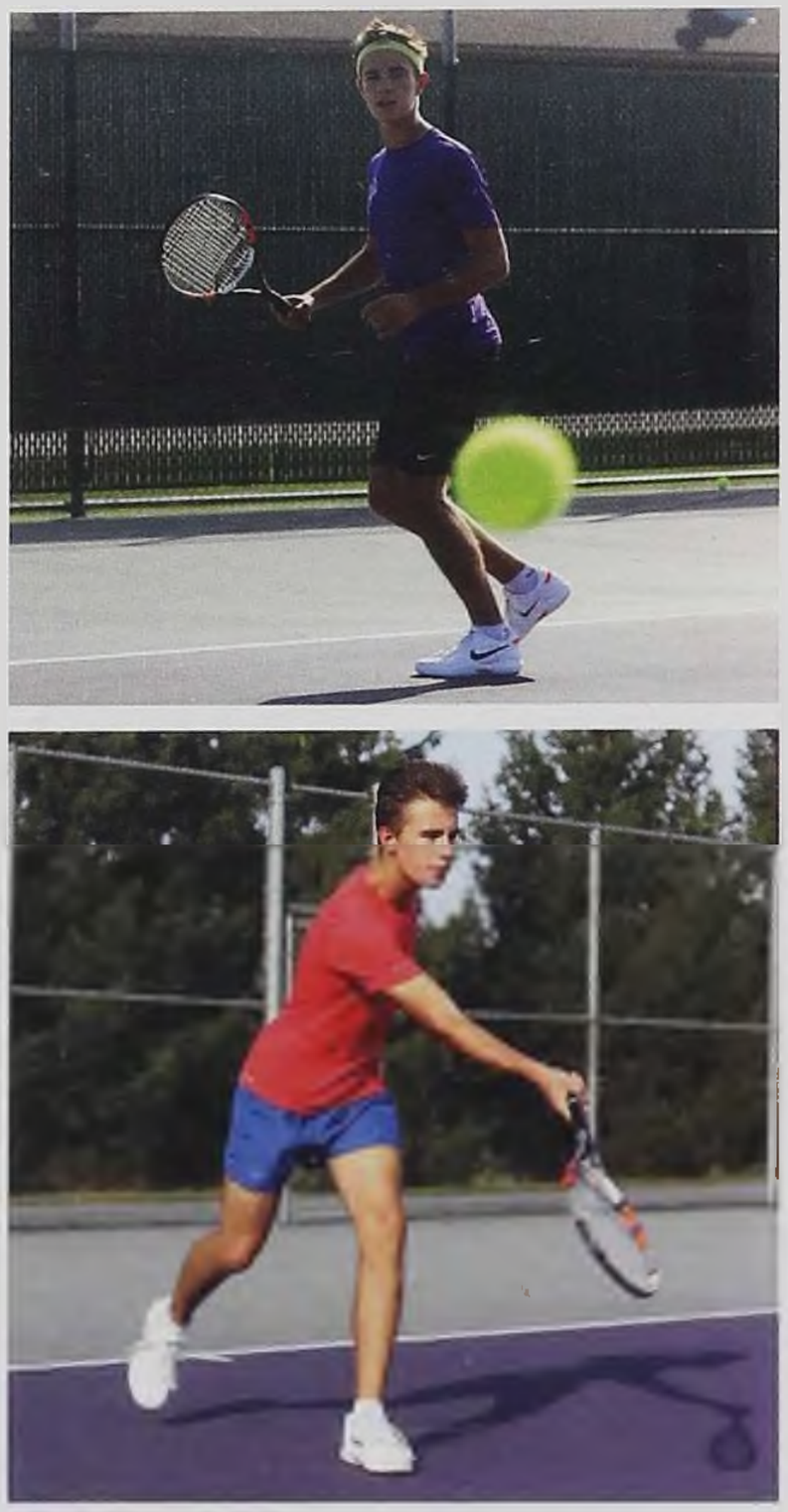
Point your planted foot where you want the ball to go. Hit it with the top bone of your foot, your laces, while kicking.

The goal of this kick is to aim over the heads of the opposing team in order to start off your side's offense.

To get a better kick you should strengthen your legs and work out your quads and calves.

By Jianna Torres (10)

Bonds from Abroad



Maksym Ivanov

Q: Where were you born?

A: "In the Ukraine."

Q: Did you play tennis back home?

A: "I don't know exactly because like in my town where I live now, where I lived before I came here, there was no tennis because it's quite small, but if my family decided to go to the capital of Ukraine, I probably would."

Q: Why did you choose to play tennis here?

A: "First, I wanted to play football here, but everyone told me that it would be very tough for me...I just wanted to try some new sports that I don't have the opportunity to try in Ukraine, so I chose tennis."

Q: Did your teammates help you adapt to American culture? How?

A: "Yeah, they tell me about some things that they have here. They ask me [questions]; they try to give me additional information. I don't know, but they really helped me."

With a leap. Noah Terpstra (11) takes a swing at practice. Terpstra led the team, playing No. 1 singles. "[My favorite part about tennis would be] the winning shots, like the smacks down the corners," he said. // Photos by R. Alvarado

Darting to the net, Isaac Flores-Moss (10) moves in for an underhand shot. "My greatest motivator is probably trying to make varsity...so that's why I'm going to go to summer camp and hopefully take private lessons this year," Flores-Moss said.

As he waits for the perfect moment to strike, Dylan Walton (10) raises his racket for an overhead shot. "I would wait for the ball to at least get past my head, then when I'm about to hit, I would get ready even before it gets close s I can hit it the right way," Walton said.

"There's a lot of family support... We all come together as a team, to win against these other teams. That's what I like."

Benzi Corrales

Serving Up PERFECTION

After tirelessly practicing each afternoon, the boys' tennis team met success with their third consecutive Sectional victory

Walking to the courts in waves of two to three, the boys' tennis team came together each day to start their practice. "At practice, we have fun and joke around, but at the same time, we stay focused on the game," Jamar Williams (11) said.

The boys put in long, tiring hours as they prepared themselves for their Sectional matches. "All I did was try and focus on my practices and keep my fundamentals together," Anthony Williamson (12) said.

Following their third consecutive Sectional championship, the team rejoiced in their 3-2 victory over Hobart. "I'm glad we won, but I could've played better the third round. I made a lot of self-errors," said Noah Terpstra (11), who won at No. 1 singles.

The boys were still satisfied as they looked back at their finished season. "I was very happy. I felt like I could have started out better, but we still pulled out with a win," said Ronald Greene (11), who plays doubles.

The players also took time to reflect on what they could have changed to make their experience even better. "I would dedicate more time to tennis, and I would work on my difficult shots. I would not have beat myself up about my mistakes as much," Greene said.

ith careful steps, Anthony Williamson (12) prepares take a swing. "... [Tennis] really just started as a hobby nd evolved into something more important. Over time, I und that I had a small amount of talent for it, and I ecided to develop my skills and see where it would take e." Williamson said.

olsed and at the ready, Jamar Williams (11) and nthony Williamson (12) watch their opponent's ovements cautiously.

With a steady grip on his racket, Benzi Corrales (10) lunges for the ball.

With concentration, Ronald Greene (11) poses after hitting the ball over the net. "[My favorite shot would be] passing shots down the line. I practice it a lot," Greene said.

Equipped with the ball, Desmond Winters (10) leans in to score against his opponent. "My greatest motivator probably has to be my friends that believed in me and knew that I could do it," Winters said.

ith one leg raised, Matthew ahagun (10) follows through his back swing. "My brother, an...started playing, so after at, I realized I wanted to do ore extracurriculars...then I ew to love tennis," he said.

Dashing to the right, Micah Rayburn (11) prepares to send the ball over the net. "The most intense part...would be when I played Wheeler. We won the first game, then we lost the second game ... the last one was very intense; we won in the end," Rayburn said.

Raising his racket, Jamar Williams (11) is ready for the ball. Williams noted that self-motivation is important to both practices and matches. "[To get prepared before a game], I tell myself mentally, 'I'm not going to mess up.' I tell myself, 'I'm going to do well,'" Williams said.

With intense focus, Olusoji Oduneye (11) practices his forehand shots. "I noticed I had a lot of free time after school ... so I knew I could challenge myself more by doing a sport and keeping up with academics," Oduneye said.

"Playing with players that are also your best friends and have the same love for volleyball that you do is truly amazing."

Raven Edwards

Digging deep FOR VICTORY

The Pirates improved their record and played one of their best seasons in years.

After winning their first three games in a row, the Pirates were ready to conquer the season.

"Leading up to our first game, I was very excited to show everyone how hard we've worked during the off season," Azariah Avery (12) said.

The Pirates started off their season with victories over Washington Township, Griffith and Lowell. Despite a tough loss to Crown Point, the team rallied and won a tough conference game against Portage on Aug. 29. It was the first conference win for seniors.

"Getting our first DAC win was an amazing feeling that I'll never forget, and it had to to one of the best moments of my volleyball high school career," Mikayla Brookshire (12) said.

Avery agreed: "I was ecstatic because it was the first time I saw everyone come together as a team to achieve our goal of winning."

The team beat Portage again in September, followed by another conference win over Michigan City and several huge non-conference victories. The team made improvements all around, and it showed as they went from a 4-27 record to 13-18.

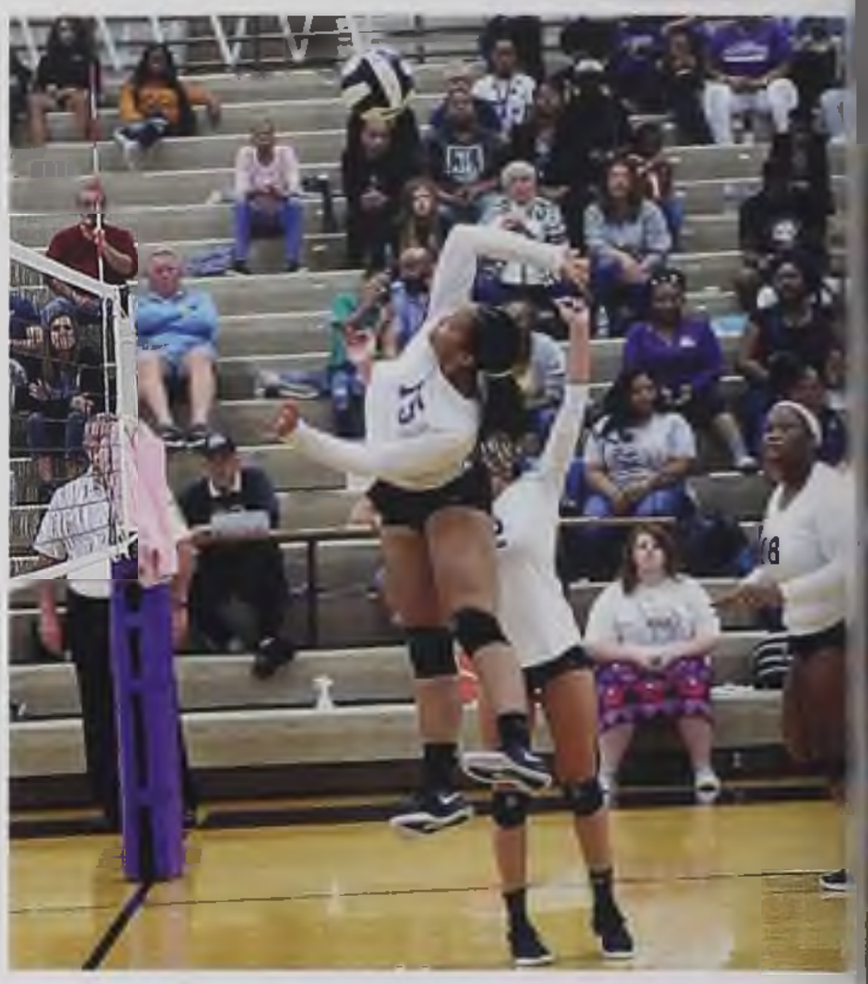
The team attributed much of the success to new head coach Mr. Josh Pradziad.

"Our new coach is really good for us. He knows the game extremely well and pushes us to do great," Brookshire said.

Striking the ball, Allison Richardson (11) puts power behind her serve so the other team can't return it.

Using her height advantage, Yasmin Gonzalez (10) gets up to the net to await the ball.

Using the second pass, Azariah Crosby (10) sets up the ball for a hitter to attempt a score.



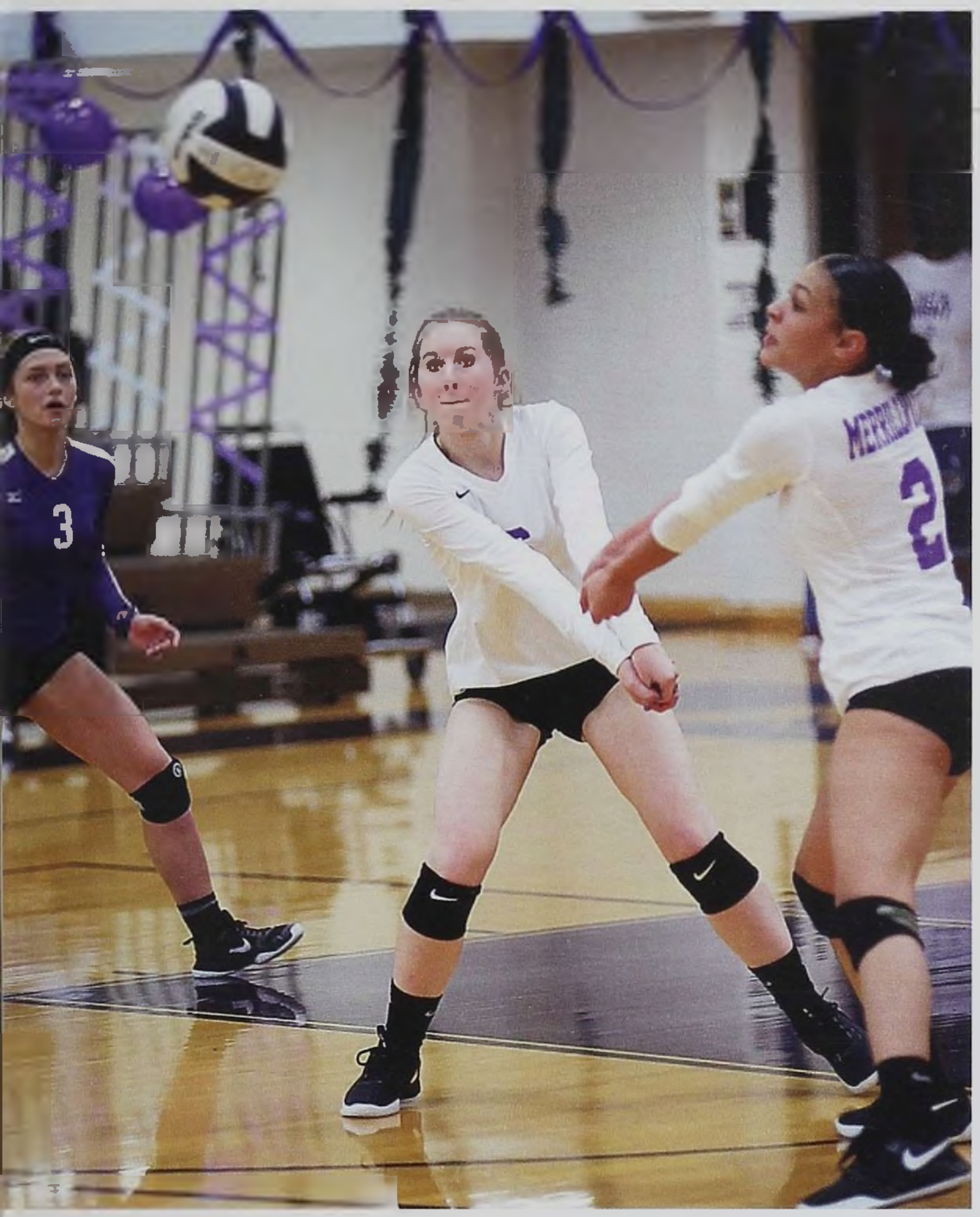
As she vaults up high to kill the ball, Saniya Spalding (10) helps the team to a victory over Hanover Central. "Being young on the team doesn't mean anything to me; I just block out the nerves and play my game," Spalding said. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

Diving low, Mia Unmisig (11) saves a point for the Pirates against Hanover Central. The Pirates won the match 3 games to 1.

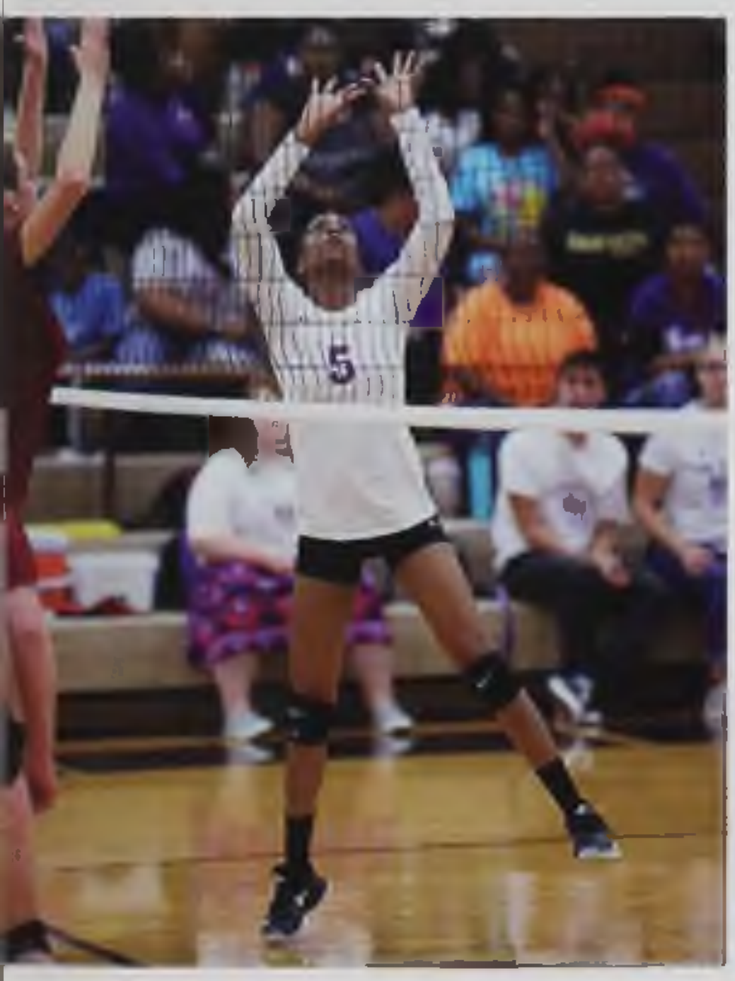
1. With a powerful look on her face, Azariah Avery (12) hits a powerful serve in a victory over Washington Township. "This game was definitely one to remember because it was our first home game and we wanted revenge for last year," Avery said.

2. Timing her jump, Allyson Richardson (11) blocks a return hit against Portage. The Pirates beat the Portage Indians for their first conference win in over three years.

3. With an eye on the ball, Anyla Shields (10) holds her position with Nia Ross (10) prepared to help.



ith fierce determination, Madeline Langer (11) and Mikayla Brookshire (12) work in tandem to sure that the ball won't drop after a hit by opponent Hanover Central. The Pirates won decisively 3 sets 1. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

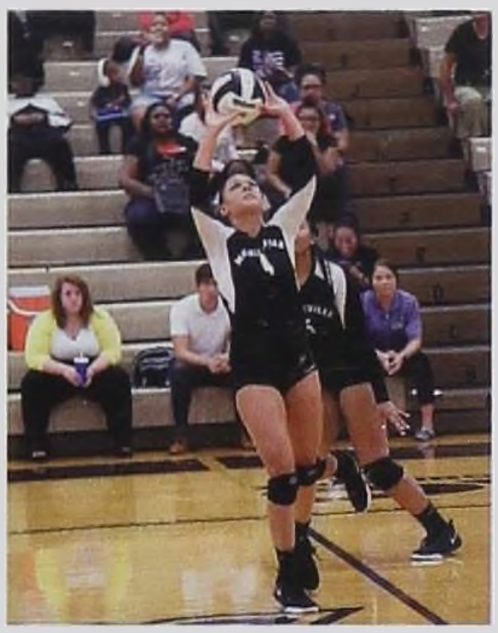


ocusing on the ball, Taira Amisu (12) gets in osition to set set the ball during the victory over anover.

As the team huddles up during a timeout, they discuss their strengths and weaknesses and what they need to do to win the game.

Setting up a Score

THE PASS:
This is the first thing people learn when they play volleyball. The pass is the first contact, so it is must be precise so the setter can set the ball properly.



THE SET:
This is what determines the play. All the pressure is on the setter as she determines which hitter she should set to so the team can score a point.

THE HIT:
If the first two steps are done correctly, this is the team's chance to score. The ways a hitter can score include a hit, tip or a roll.

Running around the baseball field, Sierra Weaver (11) and Natalie Martinez (11) lead Merrillville for the first lap of the race. Merrillville High School placed second behind Hanover Central. // Photo by C. Poulos

Girls keep their focus with MILES TO GO

Despite setbacks, team kept their stride and stayed united behind runners through postseason tournament.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, Sierra Weaver (11) and Michelle Gunnell (12) found out they would be advancing to the Semistate meet. The ladies were ecstatic.

"I was very excited; it felt like a dream," Gunnell said.

It was the first time at Semistate for both runners. For Weaver, it was her first year running cross country.

"I was really proud and happy that I made it because it was one of my goals," she said.

Coach Mike Hoffman and Coach Alex Hernandez pushed the girls at practice to be great runners and it paid off. The runners also had a lot of support from their fellow team members who continued to attend practices even though they were not mandatory. This inspired the girls to keep going and try their hardest to win.

"A lot of people would still show up and run with us and give us company, and that would really help," Gunnell said.

The conditions for the race were less than ideal, but that didn't matter. "It was cold, it was very exciting, yet nerve-racking," Gunnell said.

Throughout the season, the team was blindsided by multiple injuries: Shamiya Beasley (12) suffered from a broken foot, Kendall Karpen (10) had tendonitis in her foot, and Beah Corrales (10) suffered a hip injury. Nonetheless, they all still showed up every day to be there and support the runners on their road to the Semistate.

"We took a lot of hard hits, and we missed a lot of good points from all of the people who couldn't run due to injuries," Gunnell said. "That did kind of hurt us a bit."

While running at Lake Central, Kendall Karpen (10) focuses on her pacing to keep in the race. Seconds after this, she sprinted toward the finish line and completed with a 24:43 time, her personal record. "This was one of my best races and also my first varsity race so I was very happy with my results," she said. // Photo by M. Karpen

Warming up before the race, the team takes a quick jog down the field and back. They then lined up for their event and prepared to run against Hanover Central and Rensselaer Central. //Photo by C. Poulos

"Coach Hoffman motivates me and my team to run hard."

Sierra Weaver

er giving her all at the end of a race, Michelle Gunnell (12), wn with Shamiya Beasley (12), catches her breath at the finish . "I ran more miles to get better and get my endurance up ause I took the summer off and I was kind of trash, so I did my s on my workout," Gunnell said. // Photo by C. Poulos

Looking at the field ahead, Lauren Gunnell (11) makes her move to pass an opponent at the T.F. South Invitational. The Pirates took third place. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

After finishing a home race, Merci Tan (10) puts her hands on her head to slow down her heart rate.

As the race ends, Brooklyn Edwards (9) stops for a minute to catch her breath.

ning in first place, Sierra Weaver (11) sprints the last tch of the race. "I need to push my third mile if I start oo slow, and I tell myself I can catch up," Weaver . // Photo by C. Poulos

Helping stretch Natalie Martinez (11), Michelle Gunnell (12) prepares her teammate for the race. Thirty minutes before a race the girls warmed up to avoid injury. // Photo by C. Poulos

Coming through the finish line, Natalie Martinez (11) checks her time. "I want to focus more on how I run and my form," Martinez said.

Pre-race ritual focuses team

The team asks for strength to do well in the upcoming race. Shamiya Beasley (12) leads the prayer and keeps the team spirit up. "The prayer before the race gives you hope and gives you a reason to race," Natalie Martinez (11) said. The team holds hands and loosens up their legs to prepare. This motivates them and became an important tradition for the team. "We all get nervous about the race and how we are going to do, but when we come together as a team and pray, it gives me confidence and it really shakes the nerves," Kendall Karpen (10) said.

Excelling with his teammates by his side. Jeremie Lander (11) begins to take a lead. "I was focused on leading my two teammates, Zach and Adrian, through half the race ... so they could try to break a certain time barrier, which one of them did," Lander said. // Photo by T. DiGerolamo

With determination, eyes stay

ON THE FINISH

Dunn and Lander took the fast road to Semistate as they pushed each other and teammates

Many people frown at the idea of running in their leisure time, but for Cross Country team leaders Jeremie Lander (11) and Zachary Dunn (10), running is much more. Both runners had a successful season, advancing all the way to Semistate.

The entire team finished in seventh place in the Regionals, but Dunn and Lander both advanced individually, with Dunn placing 10th with a time of 17:04 and Lander finishing 23rd with a time of 17:33.

Unfortunately, neither student-athlete advanced to State, but Dunn finished 33rd in the Semistate meet while Lander was 60th. The boys credit each other for their success.

"Jeremie and I push each other and always encourage each other," Dunn said.

Although both boys worked together during the season, they had different ways of encouraging themselves to keep getting better.

"I pushed a lot harder this year. I learned not to doubt myself. I feel like that's what made me stronger and more confident," Dunn said.

Meanwhile, Dunn's improvement pushed Lander.

"I kept pushing to keep up with Zach. At the time, I was sick and he was better than me, so I kept that in the back of my mind while running," Lander said.

Pushing to the end. Versatile runner Adrian Nesor-Feyrous (11) remains focused on getting across that finish line. "My main focus was to break 19 minutes, and even though I didn't, my time did improve a lot today," Nesor-Feyrous said. // Photo by J. Sloan

During a home meet, Lindell Harris (12) paces himself to maintain his lead against runners from Perryville Central and Hanover Central. "I was trying to pace in a good position for my team," Harris said. // Photo by J. Sloan

Steadily keeping the pace, Jeremie Lander (11) strives to keep his lead, while Zachary Dunn (10) follows close behind. // Photo by J. Sloan

"You kind of have to realize that the pain isn't punishment. It's more like preparation and if you think of it as pain it's going to be harder."

Zach Dunn

While waiting for the start. Maurice Patrick (12) is deep in thought. "My thought process was to prepare yourself for a race because it was one of my last chances to finally make it to be on varsity and to hold my spot on the team for as long as I could. In a race even your teammates are opponents because they're trying to position themselves better," Patrick said. // Photo by J. Scolaro

Turning the corner. Collin Barron (12) controls his breathing and focuses on finishing the race.

Knowing who's behind him. Aeljar Nelson-Payroles (9) picks up the pace to stay ahead in the race.

Engaged in the race. Jeremie Lander (11) and Trey Dunn (10) motivate Daniel Bravo (9) to keep the pace. Bravo wound up beating his personal record. "Two varsity kids came up to me encouraging me to go faster and they ran with me," Bravo said. // Photo by T. DiGregorio

Side by side. David Walton (9) and Jamir Beltran (9) compete to get ahead of each other during the race and beat their personal records. "I always think about what the upperclassmen say: 'Try your best and that's the best you could've done if you couldn't have done anymore or any less.'" Walton said // Photo by J. Scolaro

Picking up the pace. Jacob Joslevn (12) speeds up and opens his stride while heading toward the finish line. He finished with a time of 19:01.

Ready for the Race

How do you prepare for a race?

"I drink a lot of water and hype myself up before go time," Jeremie Lander (11) said.

"I use my music. It's mostly just my music to get me in the right mood," Carlos Callahan (9) said.

"I eat fruit and drink water to get myself ready for a race," Lindell Harris (12) said.

What's in your bag?

Golfers are allowed to carry 14 clubs in their bag and each one has a different purpose:

Woods are used for driving the ball long distances from the tee.

Irons are used to shoot from the green. The number refers to the loft, so a low number means the ball will travel a far distance at a lower height. The higher numbers have a severe angle and the ball will go higher up, but not travel as far.

Putters make small strokes, usually on the green.

Here are some of the player's favorite clubs:

"My favorite club is probably my 8 iron and that's because my birthday month is in August, and I always hit the best with that one," Tyzhae Romer said.

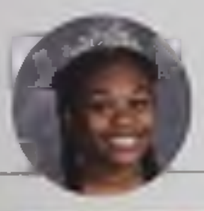
"My favorite club is definitely my 6 iron. I started with it this year and it works so much better," Chanel Day said.

"My favorite club is a 7 iron ... each golf club is positioned a different way and that's how high my golf ball flies," Iman McElroy said.

With her club in hand, Chanel Day (11) watches the flight of the ball as it rolls toward the green. Usua golf matches could last up to three hours and the girls felt pressure to finish the match. "When we're playing them, they're waiting on us to hit the ball and I don't really like having people wait on me. It mad me want to move faster," Chanel Day said. //Photos by T. DiGrispino

Finishing her swing, Tyzhae Romer (11) keeps her eye on the ball. In this match, the team lost 224-263 against the LaPorte Slicers.

Listening carefully, Sincere Patterson (9) gets tips from Coach Eugene Norton on her short game. Due to the team's size, the coaching was hands-on and the girls received one-on-one instruction.



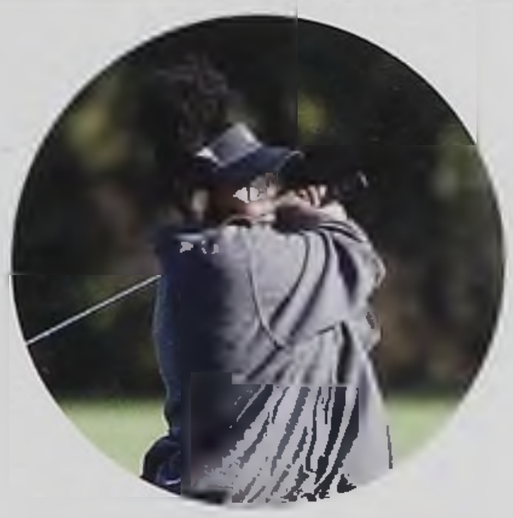
"We push ourselves. That's why we were winning at the beginning of the season."

Iman McElroy

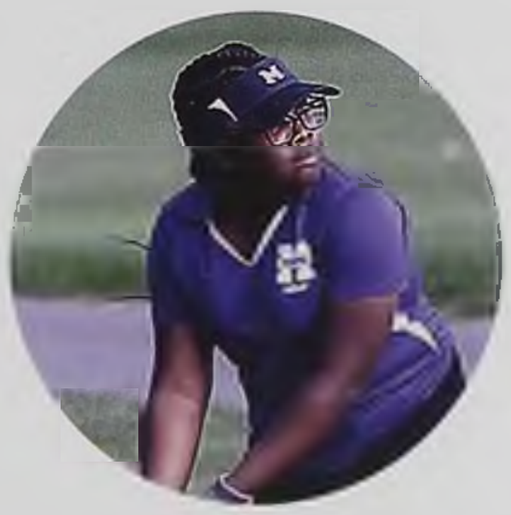
While she looks towards the green. Sincere Patterson (9) attempts to land her ball over the river at Turkey Creek golf course. During matches the girls were instructed to clear their mind of everything except golf. "My coach told me not to think about anything during matches," Patterson said.

While seeking advice, Sincere Peterson (9) talks to Coach Ben Daniel during a match. The girls regularly seek advice from both coaches. "We did pretty good compared to the other teams because they have private coaches," Peterson said.

Keeping her head down, Chanel Day (11) completes a perfect swing against LaPorte. "I actually saw where my ball was. I was in the middle of the fairway, not in rocks or trees, so I was really happy this day," Day said.



After following through with her swing, Quiara Dortch (10) had a score of 65 at this game against LaPorte and Michigan City.



While chipping her ball onto the green. Bria Ealy (9) locks her fingers to secure her grip. Ealy had a score of 54 in this match against Michigan City.

Getting into position, Tyzhae Romer (11) aims carefully before hitting the ball. Romer earned a 66 in this match vs. LaPorte and Michigan City.

During practice, Quiara Dortch (10) works on her putting skills. Because of limited access to a golf course, the girls made the most of the time they had to practice. "My teammates are fun, and I want to improve too," Dortch said.

Preparing to drive the ball, Zion Elliott (10) focuses on aligning herself to get the most distance.

GIRLS stay on PAR

Early victories fostered sense of confidence and friendship among young team of golfers.

Three wins starting off the season ignited passion and a newfound confidence among the players on the girls' golf team. "I went from junior varsity to number three on the varsity team," Sincere Peterson (9) said. "So now . . . . I'm more confident and excited to play the game."

Peterson was just one of several new faces who joined the team this year. "Everyone is really funny and just a nice group of people to be around," she said.

Another newcomer was Quiara Dortch (10), who led the team in several matches.

Returning players said they enjoyed bonding with the newcomers. "I feel like they definitely bring that new excitement to be a part of a team," Tyzhae Romer (11) said.

Last year, the girls failed to win a match, so this year was a fresh start.

"What I struggled with the most was actually wanting to play and feeling excited about golf," Junior Chanel Day (11) said. "This year, I feel a lot better because we're putting in a lot of hard work, so it's finally nice to see all our hard work pay off."

Peterson led the girls to a fifth place Sectional finish with a 118.

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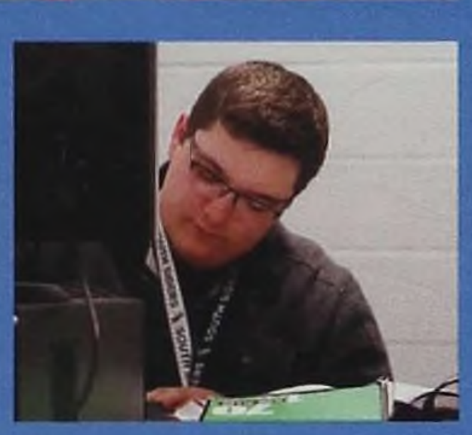
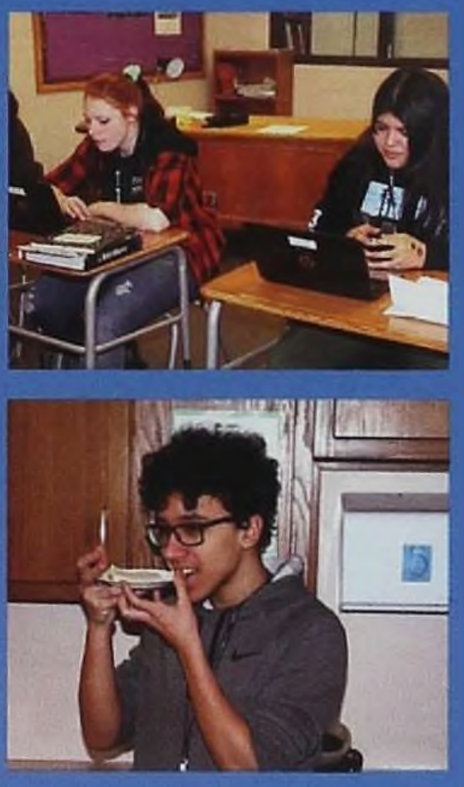




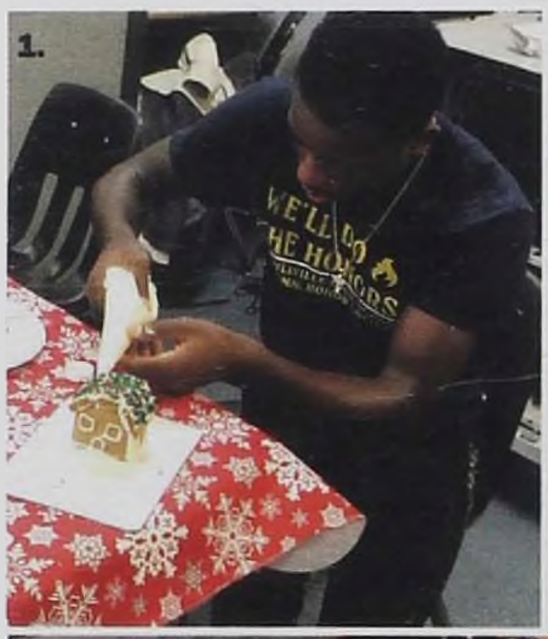
"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

"My favorite part was seeing people's faces as I walked into the class. There was this one girl who didn't believe me when I said I would be in her class caroling, and then we walked in." **Deshaun Williams**

Q What do you like most about the holidays?

A "I enjoy spending time with family while playing games, eating good food, and just cherishing the moment."

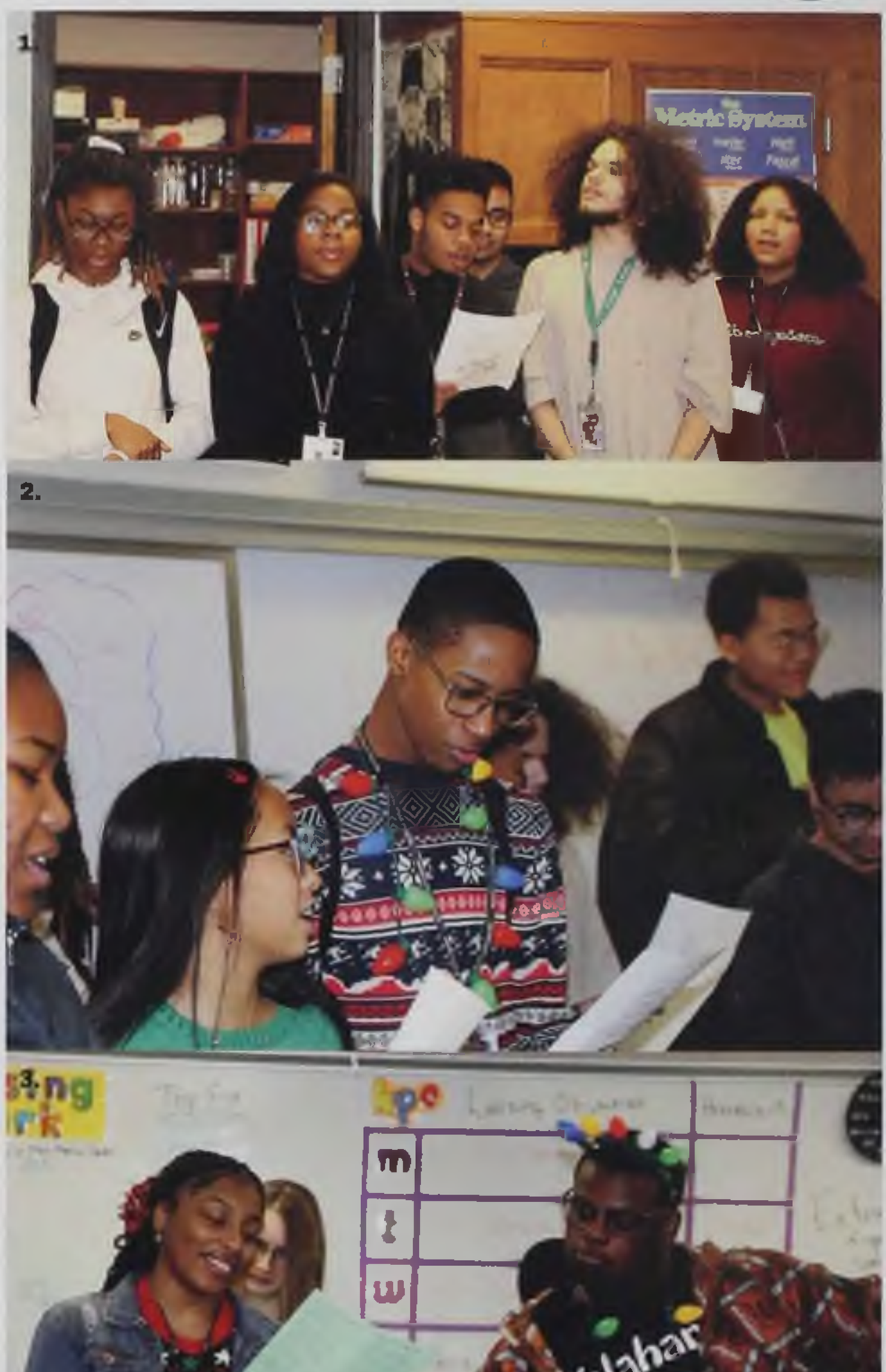
... BRIANA THOMAS (12)



1. Having a steady hand, Adeleke Igbasanmi (12) puts his finishing touches on his gingerbread house, which won first place. "It was my second time, so it was a little bit easier," Igbasanmi said.

2. Enjoying time with friends, Parth Bhogayata (9) shows of his third-place winning gingerbread house. "I had friends there that I wanted to compete with," Bhogayata said.

3. Lagging behind, Farah Abu Eid (9) and Ahmad Abu Eid (10) focus on constructing their gingerbread houses, while Jameelah Ali (11) waits with her finished house in front of her.



HARMONIZING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. Holding the paper, Deshaun Williams (12) sings a Christmas carol with classmates from Ms. Spiro's French class. "We practiced the day of, we listened to the song the day before we went caroling, and that's about it. It wasn't a hard song or anything," Williams said. // Photos by T. Ware

2. Performing excellently, Elijah Walker (11) keeps an eye on the lyrics as he performs with his classmates from Ms. Spiro's French class. The class performed a French carol.

3. With a smile on her face, Kayla Perry (10) and Justyn Jones (12) perform carols for other classes before the break. "Ms. Mead, she gave us a week or two, to make a jingle about anything we were doing in Pre-Cal. . . . We wrote, and she picked the best five out of both those classes, and we sang those jingles," Perry said.

Standing proudly, Mrs. Patricia Robison, the winner of the ugly sweater contest, shows off her festive outfit.

With a huge grin, Principal Dan Schoon dresses as a Christmas tree for the ugly sweater contest

With a hand on her hip, Ms. Dana Winkle shows off her festive sweater.

Feeling the joys of the holidays, Mr. Pere Dorsuleski poses in his ugly Christmas sweater

Happy Holidays

. . . students and staff spread holiday spirit through dress and donations

Every year, the Student Government sponsors the Holiday Wish List, a gift drive for students in need throughout the school system. Clubs, classes, businesses, and individuals sponsor the children and buy them presents. This year the school supplied gifts for almost 150 children of various ages.

1. Leaning down, Principal James Stamper greets students from one of the elementary schools as members of the Student Government deliver presents. //Photos by C. Best

2. Focusing on the cut, Curtis Mencl (12) cuts wrapping paper needed for gifts. "It was the right thing to do for all the kids. It will help people in the long run," Mencl said.

3. Bundling presents together, Quiara Dortch (10) and Mikaela Sanchez (11) pack presents for the gift drive right before leaving for delivery.

While using a micropipette, Desire' Witherspoon (12) checks the solutions in her vial. // Photo by J. Melendez

Using a scalpel, Aaliah Hawthorne (10) cuts open a sheep's heart. // Photo by C. Poulos

Building a retro game system, Nigel Phillips (12) starts his project from scratch in Mr. Longacre's class.

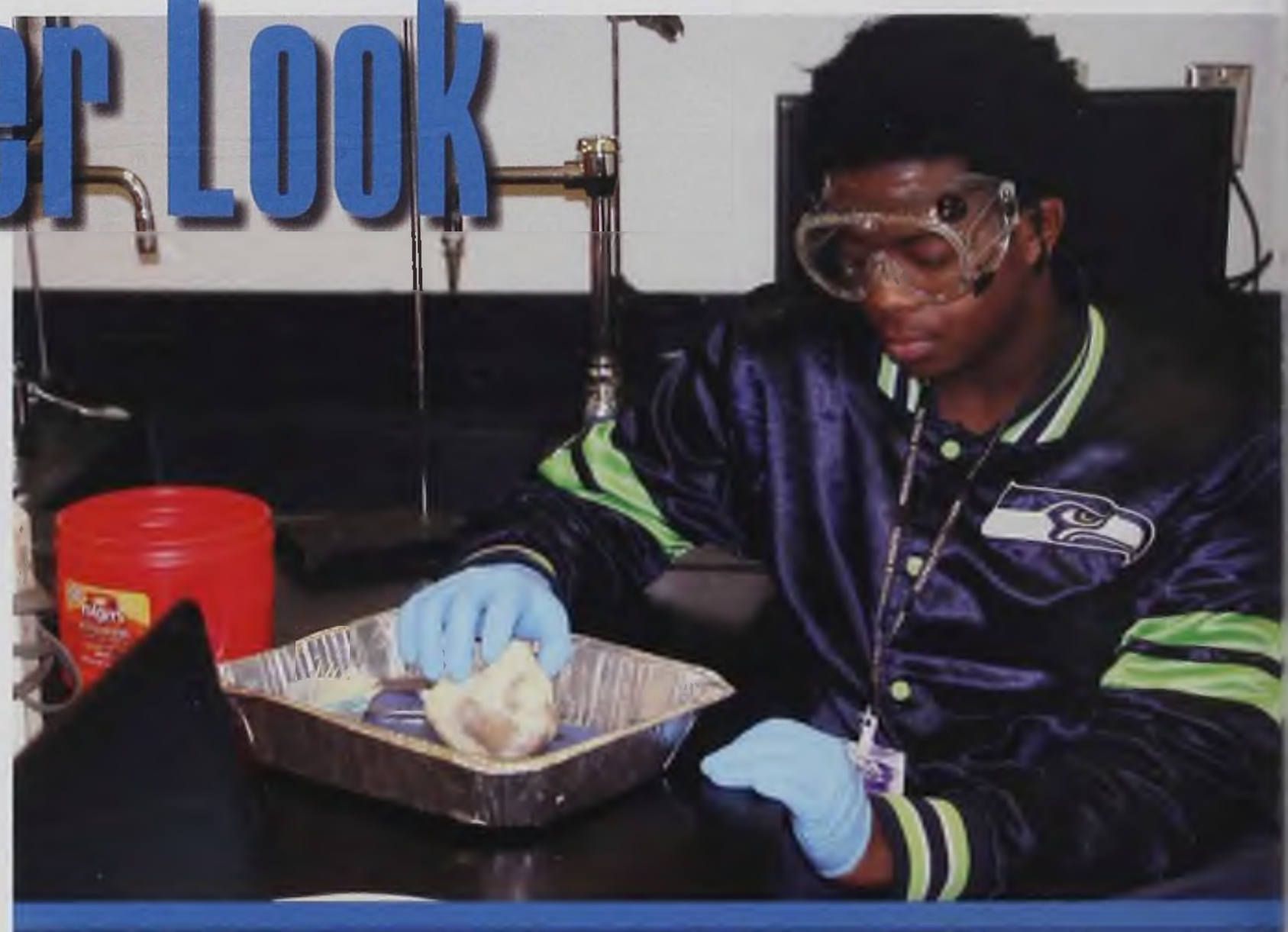
Starting a project, Mark Brown (12) puts together a frame in construction trades class. "My favorite part about the class is being in the environment with cool people and learning how to build in the trade industry day in and day out, Brown said. //Photo by C. Poulos

Looking carefully, Isaac Montgomery (12) examines a hard drive to diagnose the problem as part of his computer tech class. //Photo by A. Hudson

Discussing plans for a doghouse, Eric Williams (12) and Aahric Whitehead (12) work together to attach plywood for siding in construction trades class. // Photo by C. Poulos

A Deeper Look

. . . dissecting the classroom



While dissecting a sheep's heart, Jeremiah Mahone (11) examines how the heart works and its functions. Although he wasn't very fond of the heart's smell, Mahone did enjoy the activity. "My favorite part was figuring out how the heart works," he said. // Photos by C. Poulos

1) Preparing for the lab in Medical Intervention, Aeryana Smith (12) examines her supplies before beginning a bone density lab in Mrs. Robison's class.

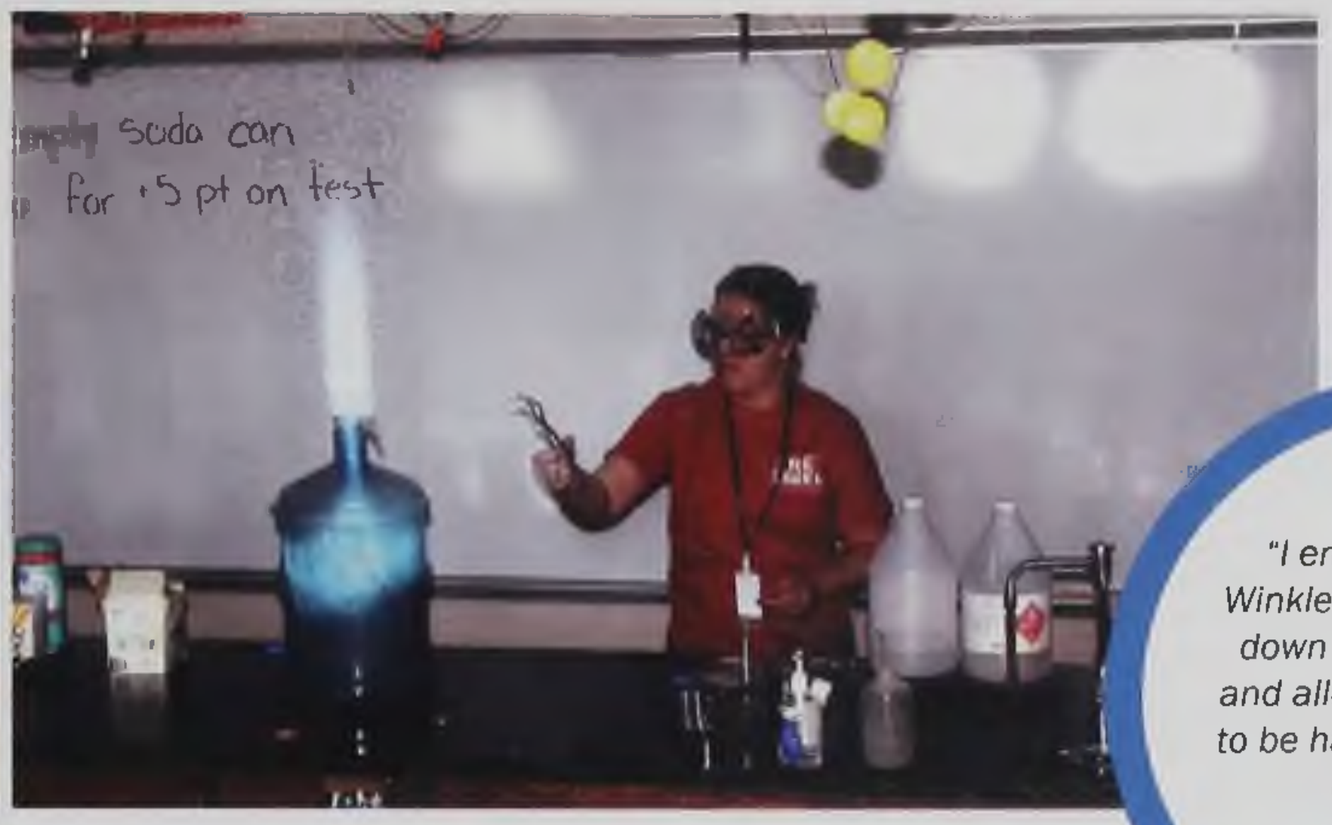
2) As she dissects a sheep's heart, Diana Garcia (10) is fascinated by all the different components. "I like this class because it gives me insight on what I want to do in the future," Garcia said.

3) While examining a sheep's heart, Latrice Hamilton (10), identifies what each part is. "All the hands-on activities and labs make this class more interesting and fun," Hamilton said.

"It's a pretty cool way for the kids to wake up, have fun, and visually see something in class, and that's one of the main reasons I love teaching chemistry."

Miss Dana Winkle

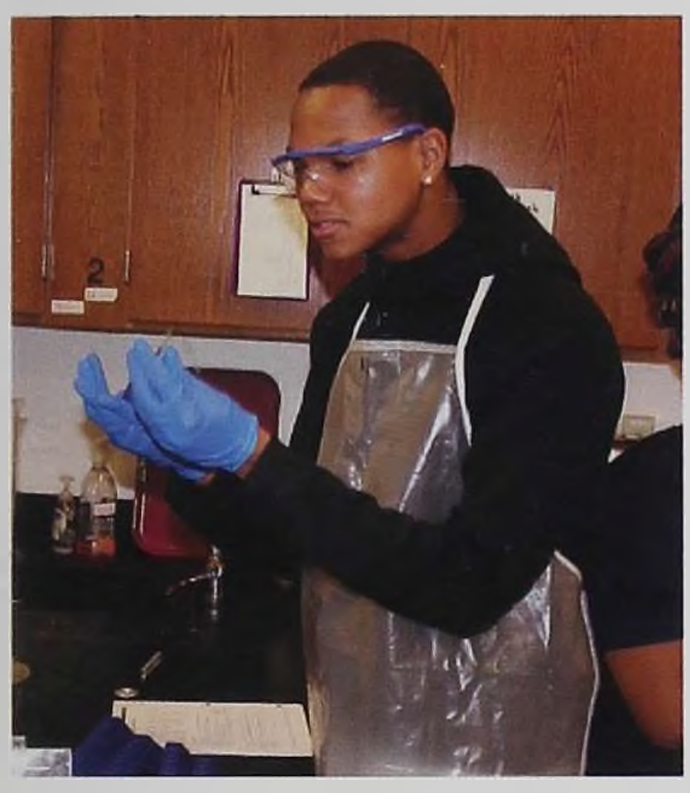
Shaking the jug, J'dan Love (11) waits for all the alcohol to fully evaporate. "I like the class and all the hands-on experiments that we do," Love said. //Photos By C. Poulos



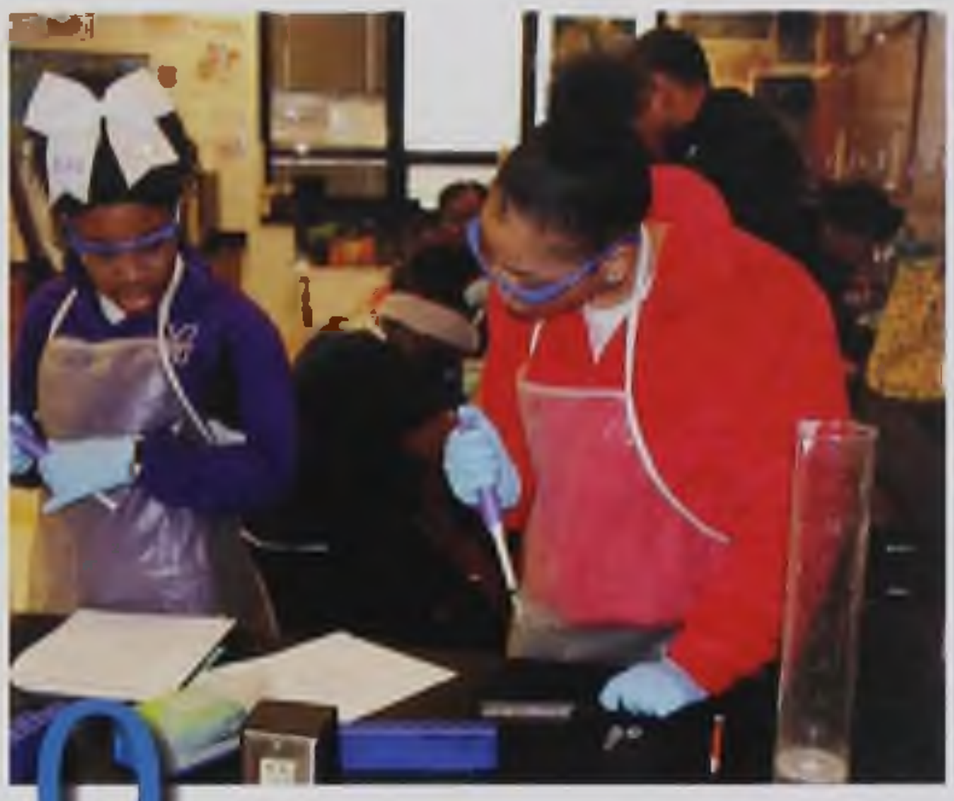
Shocking her students, Miss Winkle creates a chemical reaction with evaporated alcohol and a match. She wanted her students to understand how vapor pressure works and how it works with fire. // Photo by C. Poulos

"I enjoy being in Miss Winkle's class; she breaks down all the information and allows all the students to be hands-on and be part of every lab."

... Cameryn Darrell (10)



Checking to see how much solution is in the beaker, Darius Green (12) uses a micropipette to transfer liquids from one container to another. Green appreciated how the labs in Mrs. Robison's class are connected to real-life situations that would be done in the medical field. "I would like to be a physical therapist or some type of doctor..." Green said. // Photo by C. Poulos



Q What do you like most about the class?

"My favorite part about this class is all the hands-on experiments we do, labs almost every day, and it is very educational."

... Leila Tape (12)

Photo by C. Poulos

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ONE STEP CLOSER

With a focused look, Charles Wall (9) continues to come up with ideas for his research project in Mr. Monahan's class.

As a group, Ashton Morgan (9) and Zachary Villarreal (9) combine their ideas to complete their project.

With her head propped up, Essence Keel (9) brainstorms ideas for her Eastland Disaster Project. "I prefer to work in groups, it allows us to share ideas, work with others, and get more work done."

... Essence Keel (9)

"My favorite things about the holiday concerts are that it's a great scenery and a good time for everyone to get together and chill."
Nikhil Wiggins

Q What motivates you to stay in band?

A "The friends that I made and playing my instrument is enjoyable to me. It also looks good on college applications."
... KYRA SHANNON (10)
Photo by R. Alvarado

Looking at her notes, Taylor Nicole-Miller (9) plays her clarinet at the band's holiday concert. "At the beginning, when I first started playing, it was kind of nerve-wracking, but it got easy as time went on," Nicole-Miller said. // Photos by R. Alvarado

Performing together, the band performs holiday favorites for the audience, which heard from the three school bands, as well as the Jazz Band. // Photo courtesy of D. Stuckert

Performing together, Olusoji Oduneye (11) and Deonna Bowen (12) pay close attention to their music at this year's holiday concert. "It was nice seeing how all the pieces came together from different groups ... and seeing the different variations and style," Bowen said. // Photo by I. Montemayor

Focusing on the music, Patience Lyles (12) performs at the holiday concert. Lyles found a way to overcome her usual stage fright. "I usually am a nervous wreck before the concert, but then I have to calm myself down and relax ... it's really rewarding in the end once it's all over," Lyles said. // Photo by I. Montemayor

Playing her violin, Taylor Jackson (10) concentrates on performing her piece correctly. "In beginner, you're with your graduating class, and with intermediate you're in a class where there are sophomores to seniors, so it's nice having role models," Jackson said. // Photo by M. Nelson

Staying focused, Sadia Hildebrand (12 waits for her cue. Orchestra has a specia appeal for her. "It feels like a tight-knit family, and it's amazing that we can be a the level where we can do higher-level and more interesting contemporary pieces," Hildebrand said. // Photo by I. Montemayor

aking center stage, Ja'Leah Walker (11) performs a solo the holiday concert. "It was a lot harder then I thought it ould be. It required a lot of energy as well as breath support, nd that's something I'm going to have to work on," Walker aid. // Photo by M. Nelson

ARMS SPREAD...
Miracle Davenport (11) expressively performs at the winter holiday concert.

GAZING INTENTLY...
Jeremy White (12) grasps the microphone during his solo.

IN UNISON...
Tyrese Cooper (10) and Jarius Taylor-Newman (11) act out a scene on stage.

IN TUNE

. . . with holiday concerts

As beginners and veterans alike joined together in harmony, the holiday choir concert featured music of various genres. Each group brought something special to the performance, whether it was the choir members standing in neat rows, a stunning dance, or a solo that touched the audience's hearts.

aking center state, Deanna Hampton (10) and Camille Chavez (10) work with the rest of eir ensemble to perform a group piece in the choir holiday concert. "It's fun, I'm meeting new eople and gaining new experiences. The concerts prepare me for being in front of people ecause I used to be very nervous about going and being in the public eye, but now I have ore confidence," Hampton said. //Photo M. Nelson

Turned towards the crowd, Erin Escobar (11) performs with other sopranos. Escobar enjoyed the bonds that the Advanced Choir formed, which eased their nerves during a performance. "When performing with the group, I feel a lot more at ease. If I make a mistake, I know I have friends who can back me up and help carry on the performance while I try to get back on track," she said. // Photo by I. Montemayor

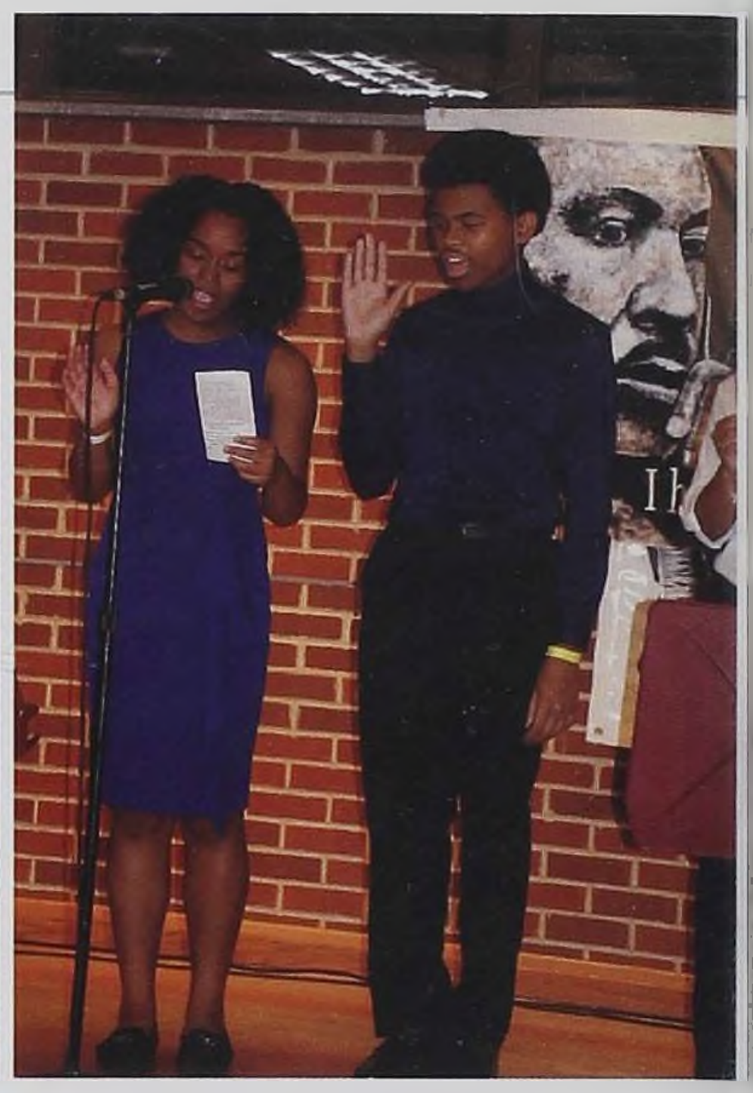
"I don't really get anxious anymore, I've been doing this for so long and I worked so hard that all I ever get is nervous excitement."

... Camille Chavez (10)

STAND celebrates life of MLK

During the Martin Luther King brunch, the Jazz Band provides entertainment for the attendees. The program also included presentations by STAND members from three schools and the choir. // Photos by A. Skertic

Making their way through the line, students pick out their food from a brunch buffet before the official program begins.



Holding their right hand up, Sonnet Smith (11) and Christian Jones (10) recite the STAND pledge before ending the program.

Checkmate!

Chess Club meets up two to three times a week to practice for tournaments, discuss game strategies, and play chess, along with other board games occasionally. "It was a fun time in Chess Club. Being in it really helps you get better at learning from your mistakes," Peter Wujek (10) said.

Thinking two steps ahead, Josh Lopez (12) makes a move on his opponent, Serena Ayala, during a Chess Club meeting. //Photo by R. Alvarado

Studying the board, James George (10), Thomas Snowden (10), and Peter Wujek (10) strategize their next moves during a practice. // Photo by R. Alvarado

"Quiz Bowl is an amazing way to connect with new people , and it really puts your knowledge to the test."

Isaiah Henderson

stening intently, Isaiah Henderson (12) and Elijah Walker (11) it for the next question to be announced during a Quiz Bowl mpetition. Eight students from Merrillville went on to advance to e quarterfinals of the home meet. // Photo by R. Alvarado

Taking a quick study break, Margaret Wujek (12), Daziele Pierson (12) and Kiersten Stowe (10) share a quick laugh during a break in the Quiz Bowl competition. "I always had a fun time with my colleagues," Stowe said. // Photo by R. Alvarado

For Valentine's Day, the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) held its annual Inclusion Dance in the main cafeteria. The club spends week preparing for the dance, receiving assistance from other school groups, including the Culinary Club and ROTC. "Seeing the work we put in and the kids have joy brought to their day is what FCCLA is all about," Janice Johnson (12) said. // Photos by A. Skertic

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Taking a break, FCCLA members Dorothy Oduwaye (12), Robyn Greene 12) and Tianna Travis (12) hit the dance loor for the twist.

All dressed up, Alonzo Harbin (9), Jaquisha Haymon (12), Alexis Haymon (10) and James Haymon (11) are ready to enjoy the festivities. // Photo by J. Haymon

Standing by their works, students from the Early Childhood Education class present seasonal bulletin boards that they create as part of the class. The class preparesd students for employment in early childhood education and related careers that involve working with children from birth to 8 years. // Photos courtesy of S. Ray.

"My favorite moment in culinary class is creating something from scratch and watching what I made become a flavorful work of art."
Shawnte Crenshaw

Banding together. Mrs. Melissa Sickinger's AP Language & Composition students participate in dress-up days throughout the year. Students above showed off their style on tropical and camouflage days. // Photos courtesy M. Sickinger

Showing their creativity, students in AP Language & Composition present games they created in connection with their study of Shakespeare's *Othello*. Students had to create games connected in some way to the theme or plot of the drama. // Photos by R. Alvarado

COOKING UP PERFECTION

1. Showing their professionalism, four culinary students, Isis Jones (12), Jesse Williamson (12), Shawnte Crenshaw (12) and Ali Jamie (12), receive their Manager Certifications through the National Restaurant Association. The certification verifies that a manager or person-in-charge has sufficient food safety knowledge to protect the public from illness.

2. Working together, Hannah Wright and Michael Matthews make ravioli during their culinary arts class.

3. Keeping a careful eye on the browning meat, Romella Bozeman prepares a meal for her advanced culinary and hospitality class. The class cooked meals for each other and to sell in the Pirate Cove.

During a competition at Griffith High School, Xavier Gamino, Josh Lucas and Brice Sanford guide their robot during one of several matches that day. // Photos by A. Skertic

During a break, Garrett Harmon, Micheal Duran, Xavier Gamino, Nathan Fox and Josh Lucas discuss strategy. The students built the robot from scratch and coded it to perform tasks for the competition.

Robots & Rhythm

... students showcase talents

During a tough game against Lake Central, the Pep Band helps keep the crowd in the game. At bottom right, Nikhil Wiggins (12) and his mom dress alike to help celebrate Senior Night together.

Andrew McKnight (10) calms his nerves as he prepares to sing in front of the judges.

Jeremy White (12) prepares to perform in one of the last choir performances of his high school career.

Erin Escobar (11) performs the song "Lullaby" in front of a panel of judges.

Standing guard in the hall, Niko Djukic (12) keeps the bystanders quiet so the performances are not interrupted.

With the pressure off, Victoria Rivera (12) and Mrs. Reinhart celebrate after Rivera won gold for her solo of "Se Tu Mami."

Quieting down before a solo, Tyrese Cooper (10) and Niko Djukic (12) joke around.

In Harmony

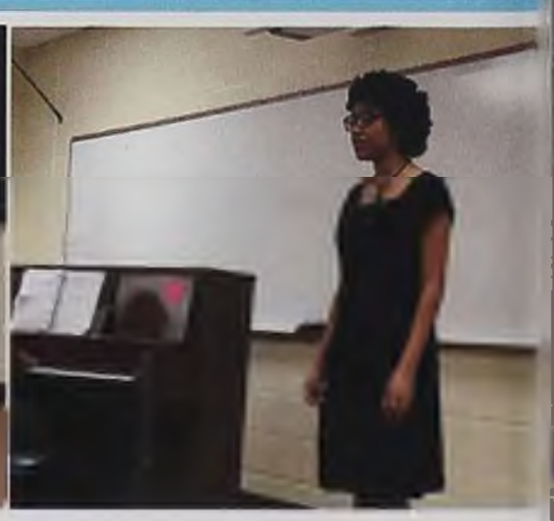
... choir members have award-winning performances

At the Regional ISSMA competition, 10 ensembles competed and eight of those received gold medals, qualifying for state. All 15 soloists received gold medals and 12 of those qualified for State competition. Sophomore Andre Burns received a perfect score on both his piano solo and his vocal solo. Jarius Newman scored a perfect score of 9 on his solo.

1) Looking away from the crowd, Tiana Travis (12) performs her rendition of "He Shall Feed His Flock" for her last solo of her Merrillville career.

2) Standing confidently, Caitlin Perosky (12) sings along with the piano behind her performing "American Lullaby."

3) With a song in her heart, senior Sade' Daniels begins her solo of "When Love is Kind" by John Lucas.



"What I love most about participating in choir is the encouraging atmosphere . . . Whatever you decide to do, there are people always cheering you on and supporting you every step of the way." **Victoria Rivera (12)**

oncentrating on the music, atthew Boone (11) warms up with s private instructor before his solo olin piece at the ISSMA competition.

Warming up, Nathanial Mendoza (12) and other members of his ensemble prepare to perform at the 2020 ISSMA district solo and ensemble contest. Over 80 students participated in 48 different events, racking up 35 gold and 14 silver medals.

"Their maturity, poise and support of each other and of the Pierce orchestra kids is a joy to watch."

... Diane Rosenthal

Celebrating a gold rating, Ms. Diane Rosenthal gathers with Caleb Robinson (center holding paper), who composed a special piece for cellos performed by an all-sophomore ensemble.

Waiting patiently, Azariah Crosby (10) and Joshua Brooks (12) prepare to begin an ensemble piece at the area competition. Their group received a gold ranking,

STAYING IN SYNC

With their bows raised, seniors Sadia Hildebrand (12) and Patience Lyles (12) perform in an ensemble. Lyles also advanced to state as a soloist.

Sharing a stand, Faith Garret (11) and Aminah Samba (12) pay attention to the piece of sheet music in front of them.

Listening carefully, Sierra Ward (12) and Monica Valladares (12) tune up before their quartet faced the judges.

On a mission, members of the Student Government and Key Club traveled to Chicago to participate in the Windy City Warmth project. Students received training before walking with college guides in search of homeless people in need of clothing and blankets. They also asked homeless people to lunch so they could discuss their situations with them.

After speaking at an Ecumenical Service, Isaiah Vorice speaks with Congressman Pete Visclosky. Vorice was chosen to speak after winning an award for his essay on the MLK quote "give us the ballot and we'll no longer have to worry the federal government about our basic rights."

After the Regional Competition at IUN, Kayla Danaher (11) and Peyton Feign (10) show off the medals they earned for third place in Astronomy. Paige Raspberry (12) placed sixth in Anatomy and Physiology. Deshaun Williams (12) and Danaher placed seventh in Circuit Lab. // Photo courtesy R. Waters

During Impact Day, group leaders Ashanti Lenoir (12) and Elijah Walker (11) lead an activity with members of their group. // Photos by A. Earls

MAKING AN IMPACT

In a group bonding activity, students create a new dance, led by group leaders Amira Hamed (11) and Lavader Tiney (12). Impact Day is designed to help all students feel accepted, safe and celebrated by having students break down barriers between groups.

"Voter rights are essential to the greater effort of peace, economic justice, and social justice that fights against wrong and fights for right."
Isaiah Vorice in an essay on voters' rights

Students put talents on display

t the State Thespian Competition, members elebrate after earning a Gold Honor ranking. Two nembers, Myia Dickerson (11) and Lauren Molenda 10), also were named State Thespian officers.

Addressing the room, Zhanvie' Edmonds (12) presents her set designs. She received a superior rating for scenic design. Jarius Taylor Newman (11) and JaLeah Walker (12) won superior ratings for solo musical theater.

At their final conference, senior Thespian Troupe members pose together one final time. Overall, the troupe won three superior ratings and five excellents. // Photos courtesy of T. Mackey

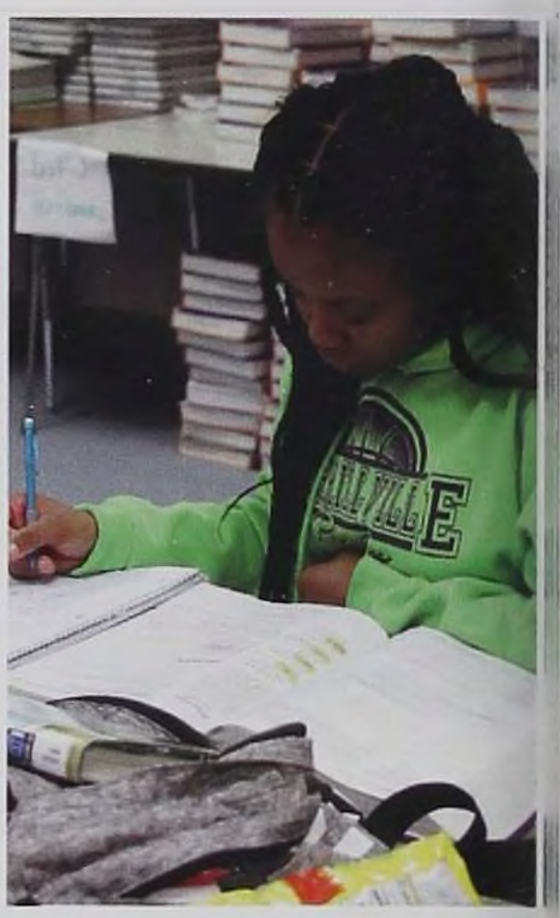
Ten-hut ...

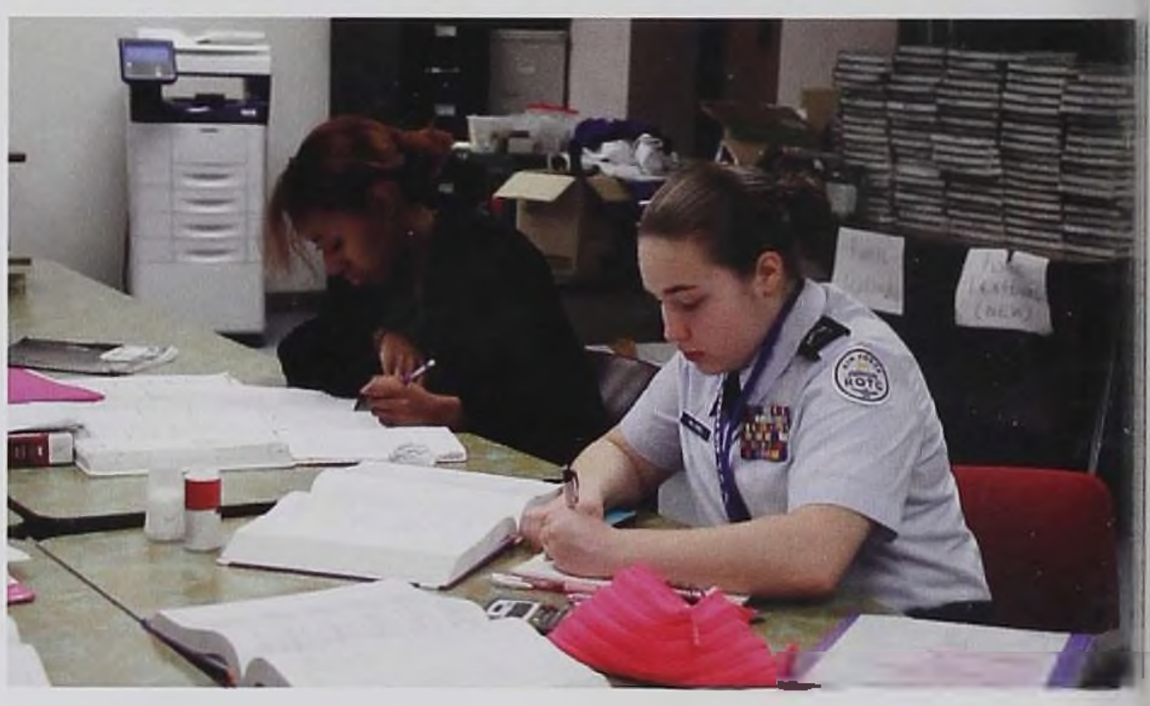
During a Drill Meet in Howell, Mich., the Air Force JROTC finished second overall, while the Advanced Color Guard Team took first place. The Unarmed Exhibition Team and First Year Unarmed Team placed second, and the First Year Armed Team placed third.

In addition, cadets Alyssa Renk (9), Taliyah Dean (9) and Janiya Milton (9) placed in the individual competition.

"I enjoyed wearing the PPE uniform, using the tools, and listening to Mr. Sopher's joke."
Lawrence McIntosh discussing Fire & Rescue class

Gaining some real-life parenting experience, students studying child development entertain toddlers who visited their classroom. // Photos by C. Poulos





Saying farewell to Furby, advanced computer science informatics students conduct an "autopsy" on the toy. Furbies were popular toys from the 1990s. A Furby's mouth moves as it speaks and its eyes blink. The students took apart the toy to see what made it tick and why it stopped working. // Photos by R. Alvarado

During independent study time, Seniors Imani Johnson, Kaiya Harris, Chanelle LeGrand and Angelina Wilkins meet in a small group to finish their requirements for Pre Calculus B. "It probably would've been a lot more challenging, but I was working with other people so we all shared ideas," LeGrand said.

During biology class, Jada Lumpkin (9) separates colors made from Kool-Aid in a lab analyzing color chromatography. // Photos by R. Alvarado

After reading the instructions, Lucas Clement (9) prepares a syringe before drawing out solution.

Focusing carefully on the measurements, Caden Haywood (9) draws Kool-Aid solution out with a syringe.

Watching carefully, Sincere Peterson (9) pushes Kool-Aid solution out of the syringe into the lab beaker.

Exploring new fields

In fire and rescue class, Lawrence McIntosh (12) assists Lamont Roberts (11) while practicing a forced entry. While Roberts held a halligan pry tool in place, McIntosh hammered it down using a flathead axe. // Photo by C. Poulos

As another part of fire and rescue training, Justin McGee (12) and Lawrence McIntosh (12) carry a stretcher across the room to learn the proper techniques for safely transporting an injured person. // Photo by C. Poulos

During CPR training, Josh Brady (12) and Justin McGee (12) perform chest compressions on mannequins. // Photo by J. Melendez

Love of the Game

"I knew I loved the game at a very young age. When my dad passed, I gravitated more towards the game because he also played basketball."

Jaylen Bandy

"My love for the game runs in the family. Basketball videos helped me along the way, too."

Keon Thompson

"Basketball brings me a lot of excitement. A team that's bonding together and winning is what I love the most."

Dylan Coty

During a victory over Morton, Keon Thompson (11) completes a dunk. "Basketball makes me better as a person, and teaches me life lessons," Thompson said. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

Completing a layup, power forward LaVonta Ash (10) holds his form.

Sizing up the court, Jaylen Bandy (12) dribbles between his legs as he scopes out the defense.

"The most important thing on the court is giving it your all and trying your best to win the game."

Jaylen Bandy

DEFY *the* ODDS

After a disappointing start, the basketball team refocused for big victories, Sectional title.

oaring toward the basket, Ajanen Dixon (10) ttempts to throw down a tomahawk slam against ortage. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Navigating his way up the court, Austin Powell (11) looks to make a play happen. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Looking to be aggressive, Dylan Coty (11) puts up a one handed shot. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

voiding the defense, Keon Thompson (11) weaves nside for the bucket. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Showing no fear, Jakobe Jones (11) aggressively makes his way toward the rim. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

With a new head coach in Bo Patton and a young, dynamic team, the Pirates aimed to have a brilliant season capped off by a tremendous playoff run.

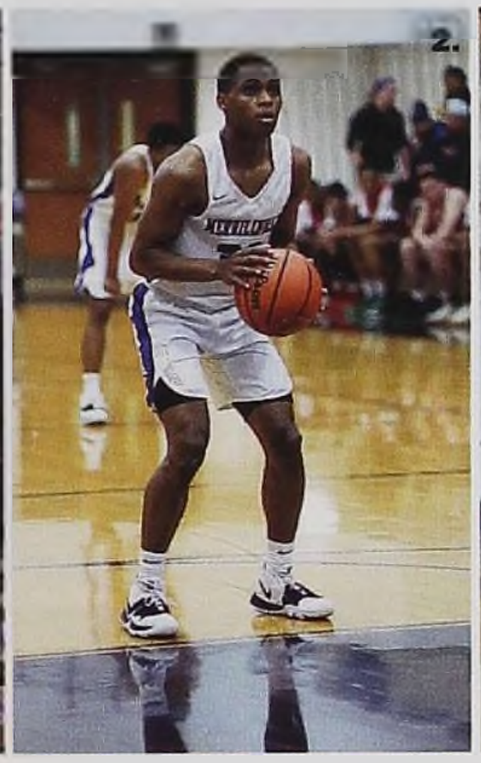
Although the season started off rough with a subpar nine victories and 11 losses, things began to change after a loss to Hobart. "The Hobart loss was the turning point in the season," Coach Patton said. "We had just come off a close conference loss to Michigan City the night before. After that game, we started putting the team before ourselves, which made a huge impact on us moving forward."

The team went on to finish with an even 12-12 record. Highlights included a win over a ranked Munster team, and a three-point victory over Lake Central for the Sectional championship. During this time, Keon Thompson (11) also scored his 1,000 career point in a victory over Crown Point.

"I am most proud of us winning a Sectional and coming together at the most important time of the year to buy into a tough two wins," Senior Jaylen Bandy said.

Unfortunately, a four-game win streak and a shot at the Regional title was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic that caused the cancellation of the rest of the postseason.

"The players were frustrated. We put in so much work and went through so much adversity to have it all end the way it did. But we will get through this and look forward to next season," Coach Patton said.



1. After an enthusiastic flush, Ajanen Dixon (10) hangs off of the rim. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

2. Staying focused, forward Mark Leon (11) prepares for a free-throw attempt. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

3. On the fast break, Juwan Bandy (11) stretches out for an acrobatic lay-up. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

4. Attempting to get around a defender, Dorian Harris (11) tries to get some points on the board. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Tallest to Shortest

Being the tallest player on the team has many advantages for Destiny Walker (12) who stands 5-foot-11.

"It's easier to get the ball over and block the shorter people, and it also helps me get rebounds easier because of the height difference compared to other players," Walker said.

It also can have its disadvantages. "It's easier to get fouls called on me because of my length," Walker said.

On the other hand, shorter players have advantages of their own.

Micah Grady (11) embraces her height and appreciates the benefits of being short. "I'm one of the quickest players, it's easier to dribble, and I can shoot quicker since Im short," Grady said.

However, at only 5-foot-1, her height makes it harder for Grady to drive to the basket without being blocked.

Whether being the tallest person on the team or the shortest, both girls have a strong passion for basketball.

Jumping high, Armani Cole (12), scores against Andrean as she plays her last Battle of Broadway. "My tall, lengthy height is one of my best advantages," Cole said. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

Against Andrean. Mya-lee Jackson (9) reaches high for a jump ball. "It was an aggressive game, but it was a good win," Jackson said.

Going up for a layup. Torri Miller (11) scores a point against Chesterton. "We all play a really good game together when we are communicating and working together," Miller said.

"We play hard, execute a good plan, and control our attitudes for a good game."

Torri Miller

AIM for the SKY

Strong senior leadership helped squad rebound from disappointing 2019 season as seniors led Pirates to 16-10 record.

hooting a free throw, Amani Alvarez (12) adds nother point on the scoreboard. "I want to keep growing ith my team . . . and enjoy my senior season," Alvarez aid. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

hooting a three, Shekinah Thomas (11) scores in her rst game back after her injury. "My season didn't go as xpected, but once I came back I had a better mindset," homas said. // Photo by J. McGrone

After receiving the ball for a fast break, Samya Miller (9) hits a layup against LaPorte.

Going up for a floater, Micah Grady (11) scores and helps the Pirates against Northridge with 11 points. "The game was kind of rocky at first, but we got it together after halftime and won," Grady said.

Looking to pass the ball, Aaniejah Crim (11) moves the ball across the court with Torri Miller (11) trailing.

After a rough season the previous year, the girls' basketball team improved their record and accomplished a number of personal goals.

"My main goal was to be a leader to my team, and I achieved that day-by-day, and it was a learning experience," Armani Cole (12) said.

Coach Amy Govert praised Cole and fellow senior Amani Alvarez. "Armani Cole and Amani Alvarez [did] a great job of leading.. . . And that's the key, we need everybody to take pride and ownership into what we are trying to accomplish," she said.

Before the season, Alvarez was excited to show what the team could do. "My motivation is to come out hard and prove everybody wrong. . . . I'm excited for the whole season, it's going to show a lot of people we are better than what they think," Alvarez said.

Unfortunately, the girls didn't make it past Sectionals; however the team's overall record was 16-10, including big wins over Andrean, Lake Central and South Bend St. Joseph.

"My top goal this year was to win Sectionals," Torri Miller (11) said. "We were really close, but we didn't make it. Our mental state really affected the game because we got down on ourselves too early, but we tried our hardest."

During the season, Miller shattered two team records: the most steals in game (13), as well as the most steals during the entire season (108).

She praised her teammates for working with each other throughout the season. "We would all get together and talk about attitudes, strategy and motivate each other on learning new things," Miller said.

1. While driving to the basket, Cailynn Dilosa (11), sets herself up to make a shot and score. The team struggled with staying strong throughout the whole game. "I want to improve on my energy and attitude towards the game. We got too comfortable by the second half, but we still won the game." Cailynn Dilosa (11) said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

2. While going up for a jump shot, Davina Smith (10) scores during a 54-53 victory over Northridge. "The game was messy, but we came together as a team and pulled it off and won by one point," Smith said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

En route to a regional championship, Jacob Maldonado (12) wrestles a Hobart opponent in the opening round. "My mat time didn't necessarily affect my success. Every week is another goal and I'm just taking it one week at a time," Maldonado said. He pinned all three of his opponents. // Photo by J. Maldonado

In the final dual of the season, Jason Streck (11) wrestles Lake Central at home. "I was really just trying to end [regular season] on a good note, and focus on the postseason ahead of me," Streck said. This night, he added one more win to his 35-2 season record. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Trying for a takedown, Malik Hall (11) scores on his CP opponent Riley Bettich. "He is a great competitor and we are both ranked high at the Semistate and State levels," Hall said. Although Hall lost this match, he was a state qualifier. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Wrestlers grapple

FOR SUCCESS

Despite early disappointments, the wrestling team rises together to find success in the postseason

"It was a team effort." -- a motto the 2020 Pirate Wrestling team has abided by all season. Never was there a moment this season where the team succeeded or failed individually; everything was a team effort.

Breezing past Valparaiso, Portage and LaPorte, the team was motivated going into the annual Tom Cameron duals hosted on their home turf. However, the outcome was unexpected: a second-place finish to Hobart. However, this disheartening loss was just what the team needed to spark momentum for the rest of the season.

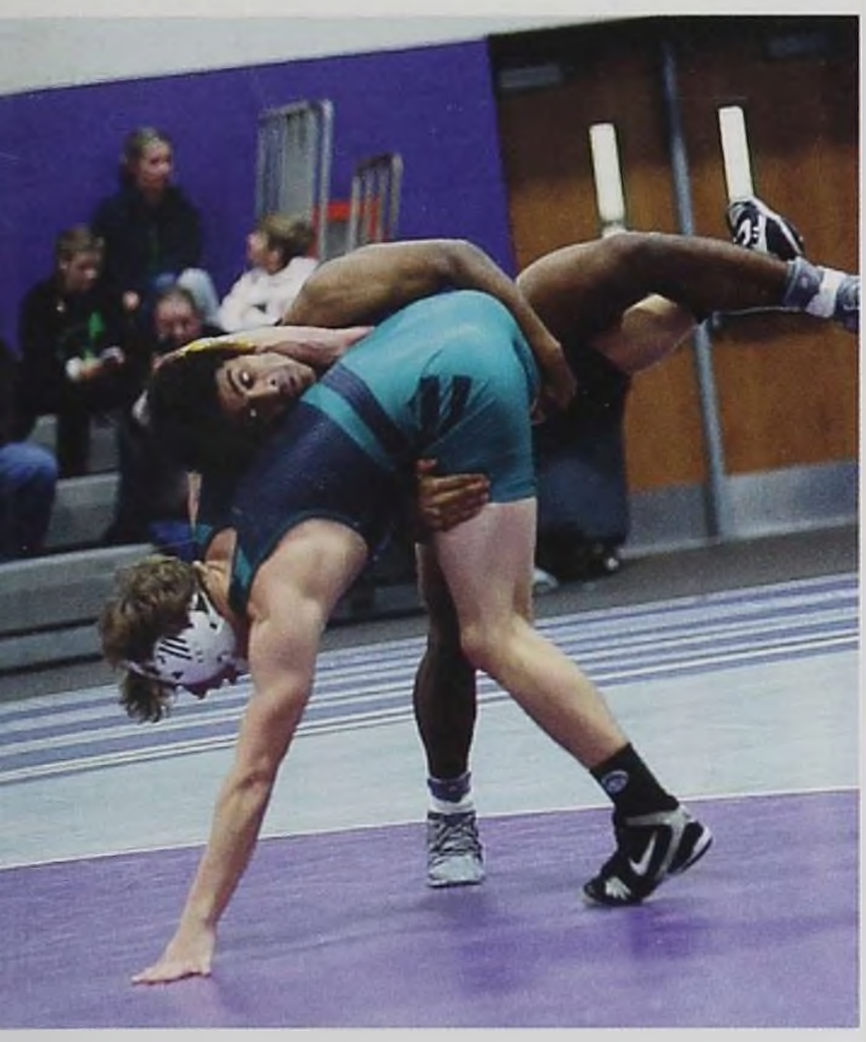
"Back at the Tom Cameron [tournament], Hobart had beaten us, and we made adjustments, defeating them at the Lake County and Regional tournaments," Khris Walton (12) said. "I made a lot of mental adjustments [this year] because at the beginning of the season I was really mentally drained."

Many individuals contributed to the team's resurgence, including Jason Streck (11), who won the prestigious Al Smith Invitational, and Aleksandar Pejovski (11) who won Sectional, Regional and county titles. The Pirates finished with a 12-4 record.

At State, the team finished 18th and was led by Walton who was fourth and Jacob Maldonado (12), who placed sixth and won the Ward E. Brown Mental Attitude Award, given to student-athletes who excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletics.

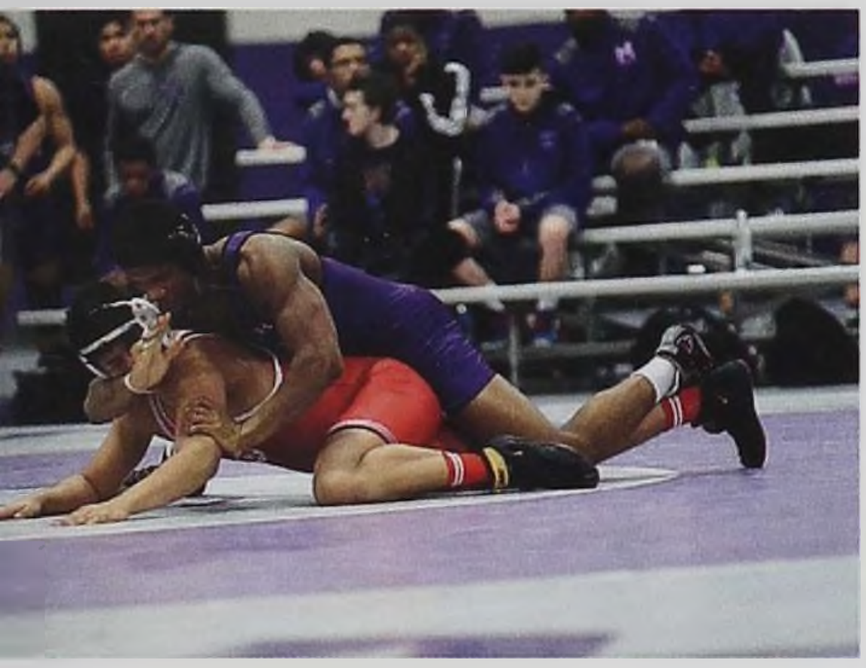
"The Ward E. Brown Mental Attitude Award means a lot to me because it not only shows athletic performance, but academic performance," Maldonado said. "So I think it was really nice to get that recognition for not only me, but for my family, my teammates, my school and my community."

"It was fun learning from the upperclassmen like Jason Streck, Malik Hall, Aleksandar Pejovski. They were a huge part of the team's success this season, as well as my own." **Lucas Clement**



tacking his opponent. Elijah Sandridge (12) faces off ainst a Valparaiso wrestler, en route to a 4-3 loss. "I was ad that I lost by one point, but I took that mentality to actice the next day," Sandridge said. //Photo by T. Grispino

Setting up an attack, Anthony Rivera (12) transitions into an offensive stance. "I had a great match, where I broke my competitor mentally, and I was getting to a lot of my offensive positions on my feet," he said. Rivera won his match against Valparaiso 12-7. // Photo by T. DiGrispino



ith an aggressive move, Khris Walton (12) weakens his own Point opponent. "I knew this was going to be a tough atch for the team, so I knew I had to build the omentum," Walton said. He pinned his Crown Point mpetitor in a whopping 28 seconds. // Photo by T. Grispino

Putting his opponent in pin position, Jevonte Williams (12) wrestles Crown Point during a conference match. Williams dropped two weight classes to better contribute to the team. "I'm glad I dropped down to 195, so I didn't have to wrestle guys almost 100 pounds bigger than me," Williams said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Facing off. Aleksandar Pejovski (11) stares down his opponent in the semifinals at the Regional. He went on to win the title match. // Photo by J. Maldonado

Raising his hand for a win, David Maldonado (9) records the fourth win of the night, versus Michigan City. // Photo by L. Peloza

With no mercy, Tyler Turner (12) pins a Valparaiso wrestler. "I was really happy to win my first conference match at home," he said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino.

What's in My Bag?

Jevonte Williams (12) used two minutes of his day to pack the essentials needed in a wrestler's bag. You see all the necessities: a change of clothes, deodorant, headphones, but the one thing that really stands out is Jevonte's mismatched socks!

"Honestly, whether it's a tournament or a practice, I just grab two socks. As long as I have two clean socks for practice, I did my job."

// Photos by J. Corrales

"I mostly face pressure because we don't have a big team and you need to count on each person." **Emily Jimenez**

POISE AND SKILL

The small squad rallied behind Briana Thomas as she earned a medal at the State Meet.

Briana Thomas (12) is up to compete, she performs her routine to a T and sticks her landing, but instead of roaring cheers, there is utter silence. What once seemed too crazy to come true was the reality in the sports world.

Gyms and stadiums had limited attendance due to the now global pandemic, COVID-19. Although a mostly empty stadium is not what Thomas imagined for her State Competition, she knew that her supporters were keeping her in their thoughts.

"I knew how much support I had back home from my family, friends, and even the younger gymnastics team that made me a good luck poster," Thomas said.

Thomas finished third in the floor exercise, where she scored a 9.525 for the medal. She also competed on the beam, receiving a score of 9:35. "Competing at State was everything I thought it would be, minus the crowd of course. I gave it my all and left no regrets. I would truly define it as the performance of my life," Thomas said.

Thomas was the only senior on a small squad, but the gymnasts did not let that hold them back. "I feel like we are closer because we've been together for a long time," Emily Jimenez (10) said. "Since (our team is) smaller, we have a lot more time for each other."

With pointed toes, Emily Jimenez (10) performs on the lower bar.

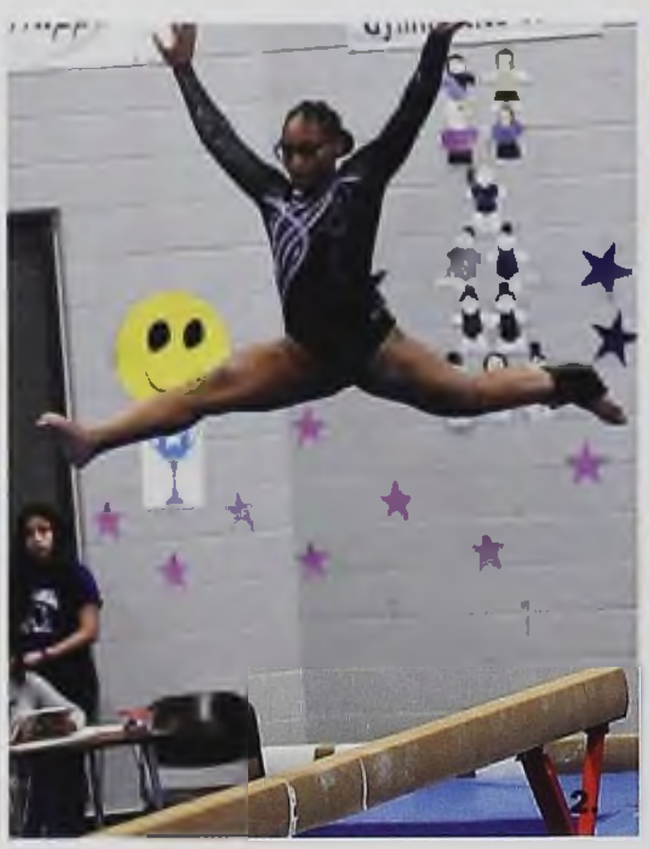
After the State Finals, Briana Thomas (12) shows off the medal she earned with her floor exercise performance.

After winning a meet against Hobart and Lowell, Destinee Weaver (10), Briana Thomas (12) and Kamyra Williams (9) celebrate their victory.

After she finishes a difficult vault, the entire team proudly embraces Briana Thomas (12). "What keeps me motivated is my goal to get us to state and perform the best for my team and for myself," Thomas said.

On the beam, Abreia Marshall-Harbin (11) holds a pose. "Knowing I have family and friends there to support me through anything keeps me motivated," Harbin said.

1. While performing her floor routine, Emily Jimenez (10) strikes a pose.



2. Going airborne, Kamyra Williams (9) performs a split leap on the beam. "I'm best at beam because most of my skills are on beam," she said.

3. Ready to go, Emilee Thomas (9) prepares to start her bars routine. "There's always room for improvement and we're always striving every day we go into practice . . . " Thomas said.

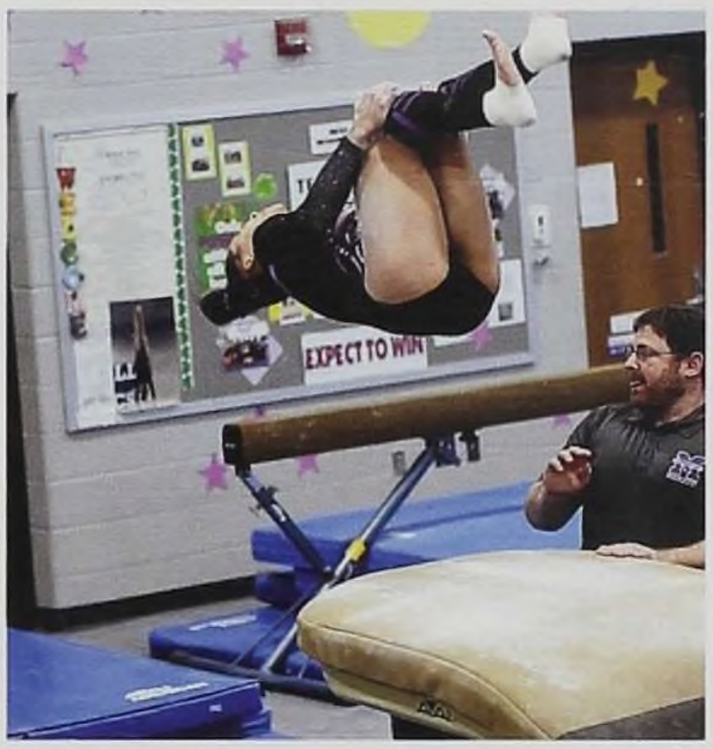
ulling off a side-split handstand, Briana Thomas (12) goes into a planche. Thomas reflected on er final year of high school. "It feels bittersweet because after all these hard years of being in ymnastics, it's going to end. I'm kind of sad because this is what I've done for the past four years and was my normal routine and now it's going to be over," Thomas said. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

/hile performing her floor routine, Mindie uozzo (11) poses. "I don't get over being ervous, I just use the adrenaline and just nore it," Cuozzo said.

In the midst of her routine, Kamyra Williams (9), hangs from the bar. "My dad keeps me motivated during the season because he talks me through everything," Williams said.

Sticking the move

1. Briana Thomas performs a round-off entry into a Yurchenko vault in a tuck position.



2. Back handspring on the table with a tuck flip off.

3. "I landed and that was the first time I landed on my feet, so I was really happy," Thomas said.

Turning for a breath, Kamryn Outlar (10) heads through the waters against Portage. Outlar took first place in the 200-yard freestyle race. // Photo by T.DiGrispino

Cutting through the water, Tyre' Perry (11) swims the butterfly leg of the individual medley, which consists of all four strokes. "I had to do IM," he said. "It was hard, but I got it done." // Photo by T. DiGrispino

Keeping his body straight, DeAndre Dukes (10) makes an almost splash-less dive.

During the breaststroke, Mason Martisauskas (12) takes a a quick breath before beginning another stroke. Martisauskas took first place against Portage in the Pirates' first meet. "My determination for my first meet was to set a goal for the rest of the year, to see my time and tr to improve it," Martisauskas said. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

With determination on his face, Benzi Corrales (10) swims a leg of the freestyle relay, against Portage, which the Pirates won. "I am motivated by my teammates because they chee me on all the time, and I cheer them on," Corrales said. // Photo by T. DiGrispino

"My teammates motivated me to the point my times got better and when I was down they got me back on my feet."

Kamryn Outlar

ith strong form, Cam'Ren Cole (10) enters the ater smoothly during his dive against Portage.

uring the butterfly event, Jaydon Wilbon (11) cuts hrough the water en route to a second-place finish gainst Portage. "My favorite swim stroke is the utterfly. It took me a long time to learn, and I feel ke I really tried to get it down," he said.

Gliding through the water, Lorenzo Espinoza (12) competes in the breaststroke against Portage. Espinoza finished second.

Moving smoothly through the water, Anthony Cruz (10) perfects his freestyle stroke. "I improved after my first meet and wanted to move on and set better times," Cruz said.

Focusing on his movement, Xavier Osorio (10) competes in the 100-yard backstroke, where he took first place.

STAY *in your* LANE

Swimmers come together for success at Sectionals with a senior leading the way.

Mason Martisauskas was determined to make the most of his senior year."This year was special because it was my last year of [high school] swimming. I was able to get the times needed to enable me to swim in college," he said.

Martisauskas and his teammates peaked in time for the Sectional competition, where he placed fourth in the breaststroke. "I was pleased with my times at Sectionals, which were my best times, since I was struggling with a knee injury this season," he said.

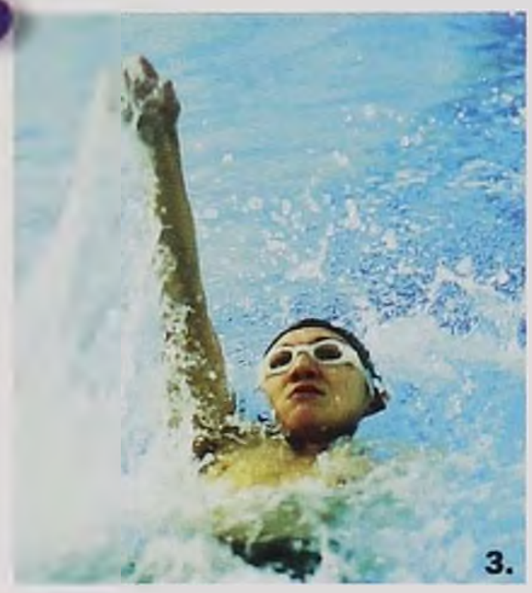
He also took part in two relays that placed fifth, the 200-medley relay and 400-freestyle relay with Kamryn Outlar (10), Jaydon Wilbon (11) and Ivan Osorio (9).

"My favorite memory as a team was all of the team bondings throughout the year," Martisauskas said. The team bonding inevitably helped in events like the relays.

"The secret to success in relays is trusting the others will start at the exact time you touch the wall and give it all they have," Martisauskas said.

Martisauskas will be continuing his career at Monmouth College in Illinois. "I believe that the key to being a successful swimmer is determination, dedication and early mornings," he said.

Different Strokes



1. Butterfly stroke – also known as the fly, this is the hardest stroke to master because it involves the synchronous pull/push with both arms and legs, which perform a complicated dolphin kick.

2. Breaststroke – also known as the frog stroke because the leg and arm movements resemble a frog. This requires a lot of endurance.

3. Backstroke – this is the only style in which the swimmer is on his back. Swimmers uses flags and stroke counts to keep track of how close they are to the wall.

In a meet against Bishop Noll, Paige Raspberry (12) takes a breath en route to a victory in the 100-yard butterfly. Raspberry had been swimming for many years. "I have been swimming since I was a child, so I wanted to carry on into high school, so it can hopefully have an impact on my future," she said.

While raising her head above water, Alexis Garcia (11) competes in the breaststroke event. Garcia faced different struggles during the season, especially time management. "I've had one time when I had to come back, write an essay, and study for two tests," Garcia said.

During the freestyle event, Andrea Tapia (11) lifts her head to catch a quick breath. Tapia strived to maintain a healthy lifestyle, this involves a balanced diet. "You have to make sure you're eating right so your body feels good enough to swim. . . I try to eat a lot of pasta, keep a good diet, and avoid chips, candy and pop," Tapia said.

A DEEPER LOOK

This swim season featured many opportunities for the swimmers to improve on their personal bests.

As she leans over the water waiting for the buzzer to go off, Andrea Tapia (11) prepares to jump off the block as she is about to begin a 200-medley relay race. The frigid water rushes over her head as she comes up shortly for a breath of air before continuing. She races back to her team to allow them to move forward in the relay.

"Almost everyone got a new personal record, and that's really impressive because usually it's never like that. Everyone dropped time, and they all did good," Tapia said about the team's performance.

Little victories helped the team end on a good note. Iysis Perez (11), Paige Raspberry (12), Carmen Garcia (10) and Tapia came together to improve on their 200-medley relay time at Sectionals and placed seventh. The girls also scored a ninth-place finish in the 200-freestyle relay.

They also found success individually. Raspberry swam a 50-yard freestyle in only 28.8 seconds. "It was really fulfilling because it was my last year so I was happy I got the opportunity to create a milestone in my senior year ... I was very glad because most of the team did well and it was good because I wasn't the only one to improve," she said.

Another impressive feat was Carmen Garcia who swam a 500-yard freestyle in 6 minutes and 19 seconds. Garcia said team spirit was an important part of her success. "We motivate each other and try to keep positive," Garcia said.

Darlenys Lantigua (11) believes the secret to success is dedication. "If you really want to do swimming you really need to put your mind to it. You need to practice every day if you want to get better," she said.

"When I'm on the block, I'm waiting for the buzzer, and when he finally says go . . . it's exhilarating."

Fatou Cisse

ith her head above water, Fatou Cisse (12) swims the ackstroke. Maintaining motivation can be hard for athletes. have to ask my coach to push me ... so he'll tell me to do etter and go faster," Cisse said.

While racing in the backstroke event, Darlenys Lantigua (11) reaches back into the water. Lantigua finished fourth in this race against Rensselaer Central High School.

hile rising out of the water, Andrea Tapia (11) soars in e butterfly stroke. "I don't think about anything. I just want y mind to be blank, so I practice a lot before, so I won't ink about anything," Tapia said.

Demonstrating team spirit, Carmen Garcia (10) cheers on another racer during the meet against Rensselaer Central. Although the team lost the meet, Garcia placed first in the 500-yard freestyle event.

While bringing her hand back, Paige Raspberry (12) gets the opportunity to peek her head above water

While taking in a breath of fresh air, Carmen Garcia (10) prepares herself to go underwater again.

At the first meet of the season, Janelle Dockins (10) competes in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Diving In

Step One: Find your approach, which is the walk before you jump off

Step Two: Reach toward your legs and tuck them

Step Three: While tucking your legs, tilt your body downwards

Step Four: Straighten yourself out while extending your legs

Demonstrated by Lauren Turner

"I wanted to be a flyer because it's more fun being in the air than on the ground."

Destiny Lilly

LOUD and PROUD

Spreading team and school pride, the cheer team worked together to inspire our athletes.

Cheerleading is not just a sport, but it is a place where the team can come together to establish friendships and a bond that runs deeper than just a game on Friday night. Although the cheerleaders can be mostly seen with great energy and excitement on their faces, the season did present it's challenges.

"During the season it can be tough to handle a mixture of different personalities and get everyone to coexist with one another," Latrece Blair (12) said.

While getting everyone on the same page may not be easy, the cheer team found a way to make it work. During the summer, the team went to a camp where they aimed to improve relationships and skills. "Camp was fun. It was a good time for the team to bond," AAliyah Wright (12) said.

The different environment allowed the team to gain experience outside of school and prepared them for the season. Although it was hard work, they enjoyed the experience, and added some male members, too.

"My friend Latrece told me they needed some boys to do it, so I went and it actually became fun watching everyone laughing and doing the dances and stunts that we practice," Korey Parker (12) said. "At first it was hard learning the different coordination and how to do the chants, and when we stunt, it was challenging because it was my first time, but after a while it became easier. "

During a halftime performance, Taylor Jackson (10) expresses her Pirate pride.

Spelling out her spirit, Gabrielle Swanson (9) lifts the letter M to cheer on the Pirates as they run on to the field.

At a basketball game, Lindell Harris (12) carries the A flag in Pirates around the court.

At the Semistate football game, varsity cheerleader AAliyah Wright (12) cheers on the Pirates at Carmel. "It was exciting, different, and I enjoyed seeing the whole crowd hyped," she said.

During the game against Morton, the cheerleading team shares its pride for the boys.

1. Working alongside the cheerleaders, Korey Parker (12) yells into the megaphone at the Semistate game.
2. During the Semistate game, Latrece Blair (12) hypes the crowd up with her energetic chants.
3. Prior to the Senior Night game, Mikayla Green (9) and Mikaela Jones (10) make noise for the Pirates.
4. During the game, Kennedi Durham (12) enthusiastically poses at the end of a chant.

With strength and balance, the cheer team performs a stunt in front of the crowd during basketball season. "Basketball season is a little more fast-paced and we perform a lot. The energy I get makes it fun to be in the air," Destiny Lilly (11) said.

In preparation for the Friday night football game, the cheerleaders hype up the crowd with their creative stunts.

Seniors' fav chants

"We got spirit! Yeah Yeah. We got spirit! Yeah Yeah. We Got What, What, What, What, What, What, What, What, What, What, What? We Got Spirit!"

Zaria Lucious (12) & Amaya Kirk (12)

"M-H-S . Pump It Up, Pump It Up. M-H-S. Pump It Up, Pump It Up. Pump It Up. Go Ahead. Go Ahead. Pump It Up. Go Ahead. Go Ahead."

Kennedi Durham

Baby Steps

At just 4 years old, Razariah Combs (12) posed for one of her first dance recitals. "I did ballet and we had a recital where we all took cute pictures," Combs said.

Posing for a pre-recital picture at 4 years old, Mikayla Lemons (12) began her career early. "My earliest memory dancing was my very first ballet class, when I was only 3 years old," Lemons said.

Performing the fouette for the crowd, co-captain Kyla McCoy (12) leads the team. "We basically run practice. I call pregames, lead stretches, go over the routines. I'm basically a mentor for every underclassmen that's on the team," McCoy said. This performance was during halftime at the first basketball game of the year.

Showing off her moves, Heavenly Bullard (11) performs at the halftime show alongside the band.

At the Homecoming pep rally. Razariah Combs (12) pulls off her dance routine for the students.

"The best part about being on the dance team is being able to grow as a dancer. . . . to see my growth from freshman year to my junior year; it went up tremendously." **Heavenly Bullard**

HIT *the* FLOOR

The dance team comes out in full force to show off their skills for football, basketball fans.

With a big smile on her face, co-captain Razariah Combs (12) executes a toe touch during the halftime show. "Some of the challenges of being a captain would be worrying about others more than yourself, but at the same time you have to worry about yourself, too," Combs said.

During a pause in the routine, Donna Fisher (11) and Mikayla Lemons (12) wait to resume dancing.

Supporting from the stands, Arianna Chatman (12), Chairre Harris (12), and Heavenly Bullard (11), cheer on the team.

Taking in the excitement of their Senior Night, Journey Barksdale (12) and Jordan Barksdale (12) reflect on their senior year coming to an end.

Smiling for the crowd, Jada Jones (10) prepares to start the dance.

This year the dance team returned to a full season after not having a coach for half of last year and only being able to dance for basketball season. The girls came back to football season in full force ready to pick up where they missed out last year.

The team grew and gained 19 new girls. Coming in this year, the girls initially found challenges working with all of the new girls, trying to blend everyone's personalities. However, they soon learned to make it work.

"The best part of being on the team is just having fun, being able to bond with each other, and going out there and having a good performance," Arianna Chatman (12) said.

Coming back for a full season, the girls had to work hard to prepare for their dances. They practiced often to learn the dances, twice on the day of a game.

The girls gained two new captains, Razariah Combs (12) and Kyla McCoy (12) who kept them on track and ready to perform. Many of the girls expressed how they liked the new captains and their leadership.

"The captains are very good at their job. They make sure they go around asking people if they need help, and they know how to get the girls to focus," Heavenly Bullard (11) said.

1. During a halftime routine, Arianna Campbell (11) performs with the team.

2. Striking a pose during her routine, Javiera Gamble (11), entertains the crowd at the pep rally. "Once I start dancing, I don't see anything, I don't hear anything. It's just me. I'm here," Gamble said.

3. Before the game against the Hobart Brickies, the team stops to take a group photo.

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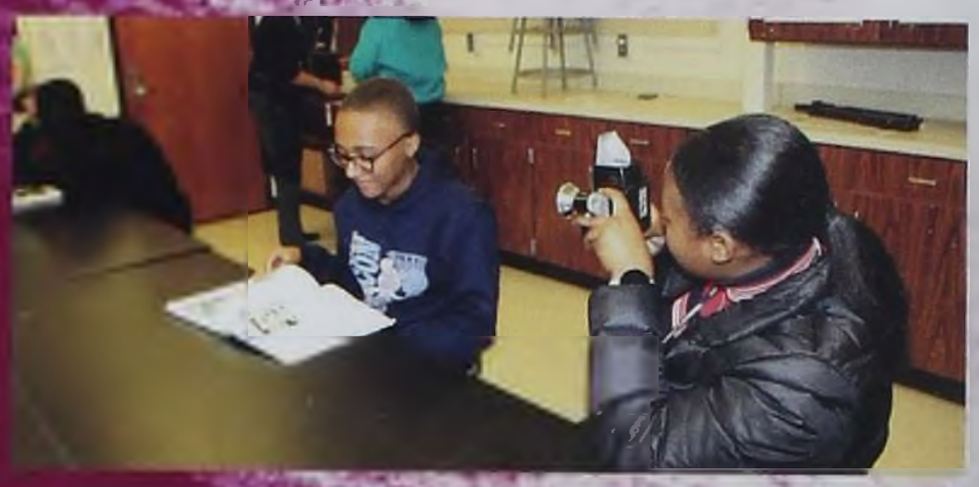


QUARANTINED

As spring started, life went on as usual with new classes, ISTEP testing and seniors looking forward to prom and graduation.

There was practice for the spring musical, the Military Ball, Mock Trial and Poetry Slam competitions. The boys' basketball team practiced for its Regional competition. Track athletes warmed up with indoor meets, as tryouts were under way for other spring sports.

Then news of a deadly virus started emerging and that changed everything.

Here is how it unfolded.

* **March 6:** Indiana announced the state's first confirmed case of Covid-19 in Indianapolis.

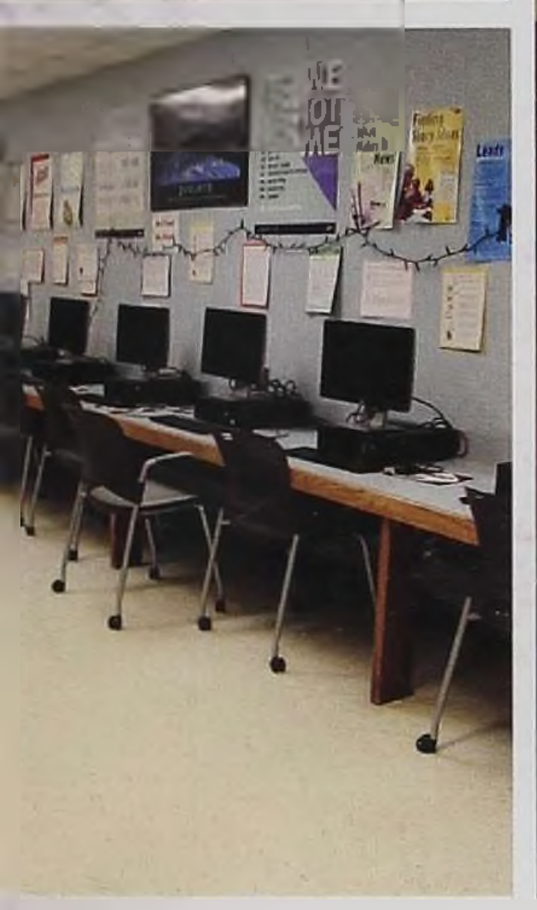
* **March 13:** Students were sent home for a few weeks. Classrooms were deep cleaned, hallways were empty, parents picked up laptops for E-learning and food service workers packed meals to send home.

* **March 16:** The first death from COVID-19 was announced, and Gov. Holcomb issued a public health emergency.

* **March 19:** Gov. Holcomb announced all K-12 schools (both public and private) were to remain closed until at least May 1, and all state-mandated standardized tests were canceled.

* **March 23:** Gov. Holcomb issued a stay at home order effective March 25 through April 7 limiting public gatherings and placing restrictions on all but essential businesses.

* **April 2:** Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, announced that all K-12 schools would provide remote instruction for the remainder of the school year, and the Indiana High School Athletic Association announced the cancellation of all spring sports.



In the receiving line, Angelina Wilkins (12) shakes hands with Superintendent Nick Brown at the annual Military Ball, which celebrates the accomplishments of the Air Force JROTC candidates.

With a firm handshake, Jacob Loyd (12) makes his way through the receiving line. "The experience of the ball is always very special and brings out the hard effort that our cadets and instructors put into the annual event," Loyd said.

Going through the receiving line, Jon Tomlinson (12) speaks with Superintendent Nick Brown. The receiving line is part of the annual event.

Military Maneuvers

During a special moment, Air Force JROTC Members stand at attention by the missing man table. The table honors fallen, missing and imprisoned military service members. Jon Tomlinson (12) enjoyed his time in JROTC. "I would recommend ROTC because you don't just learn about the military, you learn about leadership, teamwork and how you can help your community," he said.

1) During a quick break, Martes Lewis (12) takes a seat at the military ball.

2) Carrying the flags, Brandon Thigpen (11) carries the Indiana Flag with cadets. as the Honor Guard proceeds in to the main banquet room.

3) Having a good time at the ball, Xavier Herzog (10) shakes hands with Mrs. Marnita Taylor.

"My favorite experience was my freshman year when we went against [a Valparaiso team]. That was my first encounter with such a difficult team and they motivated me to keep going in Mock Trial." **Deverieux Coleman**

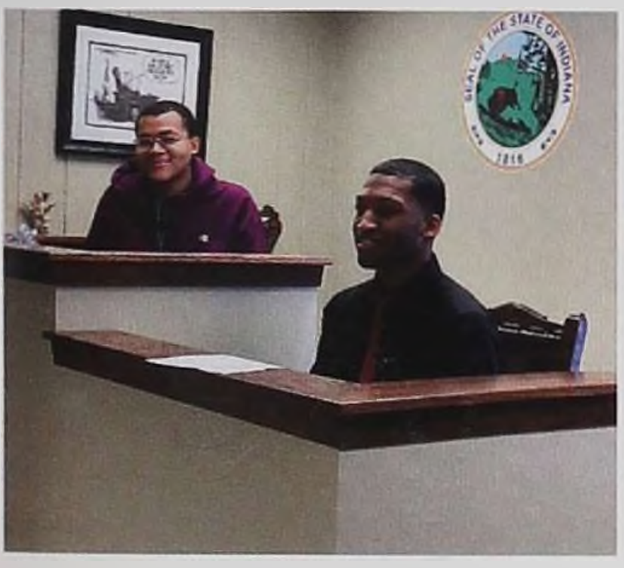
During the final final round of State Mock Trial finals, Deverieux Coleman (12) questions her witness, played by Avery Timmons (11). // Photos by A. Skertic

After a round at the State competition, the Mock Trial team poses for a photo in the courtroom and displays some of the individual accolades they earned.

Reviewing the case, Folasade Zannou (9) and Victoria Smith (9) discuss possible objections during a scrimmage with the varsity team. The teams scrimmaged to prepare for the Regional competition. The varsity team advanced to state while the junior varsity team, in its first year, just missed out, finishing in fourth place.

During a scrimmage, Chanelle LeGrand (12) questions a witness (Deverieux Coleman) while the opposing team waits for their chance at cross-examination.

Trials & Tribulations

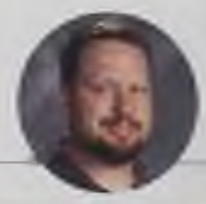


Getting in character, Courtney Davis (12) focuses on his role while Avery Timmons (11) serves as the judge.

During the scrimmage, Angela Primm (9) waits on the sidelines for her turn to be called as a witness.

After the state competition, some members of the varsity team celebrate their eighth-place finish with a photo at Monument Circle in Indianapolis. "That last day was very bittersweet. We placed very well at State, but this would be most of our last year doing Mock Trial. But I wouldn't have it any other way, because that feeling brought the team closer together," Ariel Riley (12) said.

"The rush of competition and the fun [they] had creating submissions were welcome breaks from monotony."
Coach Paul Trembacki discussing Permanent Ink during quarantine



Q How has PNN affected your high school career?

"I feel as though it was the perfect outlet for me to express how amazing and outgoing my personality is. It taught me to be responsible and still have creative ideas."

A **... CHYNA ROYSTER (12)**

During an off day from school, a group of PNN students attends a high school radio and television conference at the University of Indianapolis. "We enjoyed a great day, as the kids got to learn from industry professionals, and we were able to share knowledge with other schools throughout the state," co-sponsor Josh Harvoth said. // Photo by J. Harvoth

In the school bus barn, advanced automotive students look under the hood as part of a job shadowing program. Students in the class worked with mechanics at the school and a local car dealership to enhance their education. // Photo courtesy of D. Stuckert

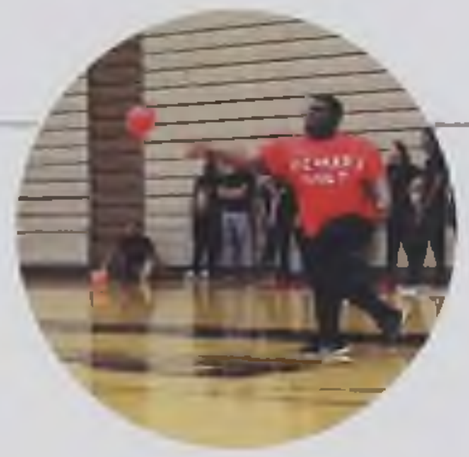
POETRY IN MOTION

After a promising start, including a second-place finish at the Gwendolyn Brooks Regional Competition in Chicago, members of the Permanent Ink Slam Poets' Club had their in-person competition season cut short amid rising concerns about COVID-19 in mid-March, but the team was able to compete via a Zoom video call using pre-taped submissions of performance poetry. Although the team took third in its digital makeup quarterfinal bout on April 17 and did not move on, Rebecca Saluska (12) and Da'Nyjah Wash (11) advanced as individuals to the semifinals of the Louder Than a Bomb contest. Other members of the team included Jewel Williams (12), Maleya Hall (12), Imani Johnson (12), Avery Timmons (11), Chania Williams (9), Ja'Kyla Heart (9), Haylee Rangel (12) and Tobias Stroh (9). The coach is Mr. Paul Trembacki.

uilding momentum, Torey Young epares to knock out an opponent. Young as captain of RocBlock.

Leonardo Bailey ... takes a fall trying to dodge the ball.

Malachi Williams ... prepares to launch a ball with encouragement from Eddie Drake.



Richard Gray ... leads his team in a first-round match against the Benchwarmers.

Dodging for the win

Seniors put on a show of accuracy, agility during tournament

howing their athleticism, members of God's Made avoid being thrown out. The team won the hampionship, defeating Riot 6 in the final game. // Photos by R. Alvarado

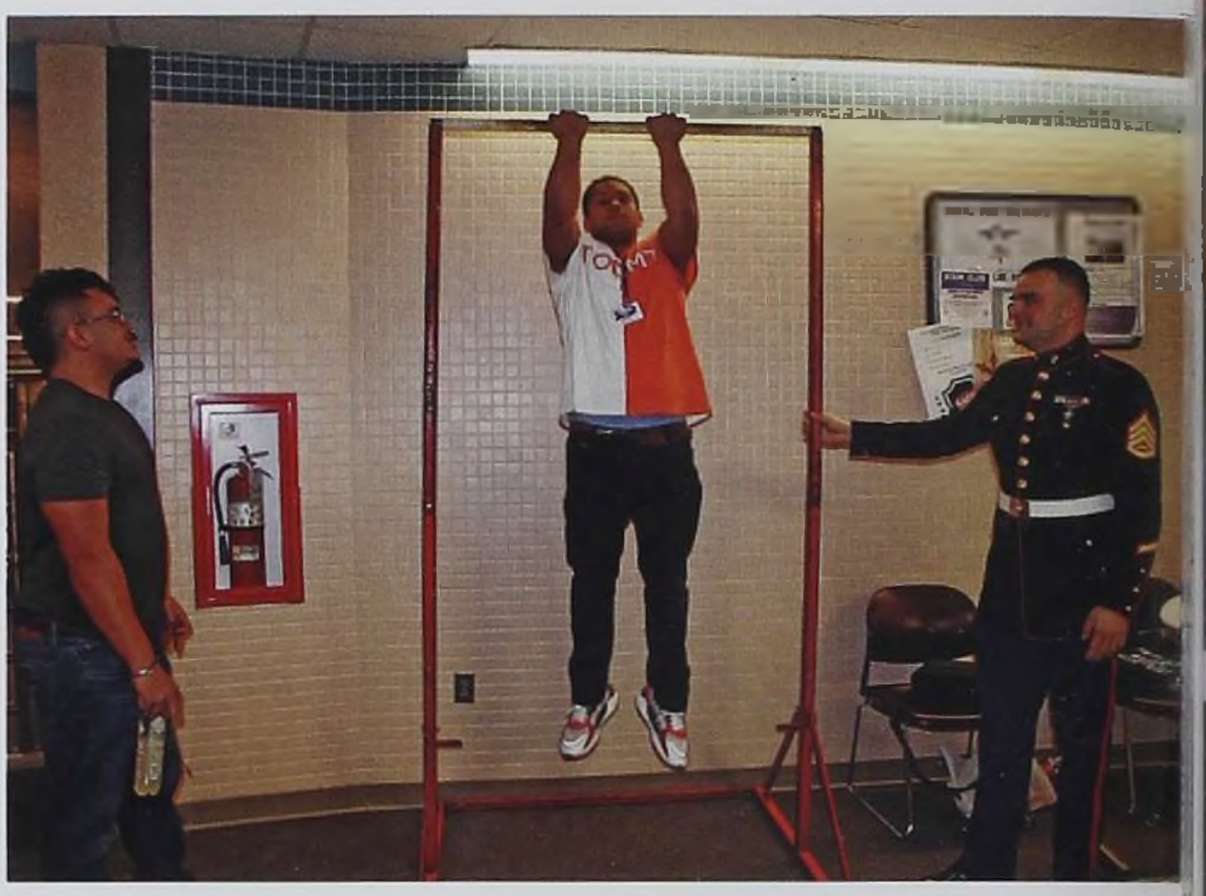
Watching from the sidelines, members of Ballz and Dollz take a break from the competition.

Holding the line, Shaiana Norwood, playing for the Benchwarmers, watches for incoming balls.

Working together, Robert Buggs and Marion Johnson go on the attack for Xclusive.

With his Xclusive teammates watching, Isaiah Vorice tries to knock out an opponent. Xclusive made it to the Semifinals.

The Lunch Crowd



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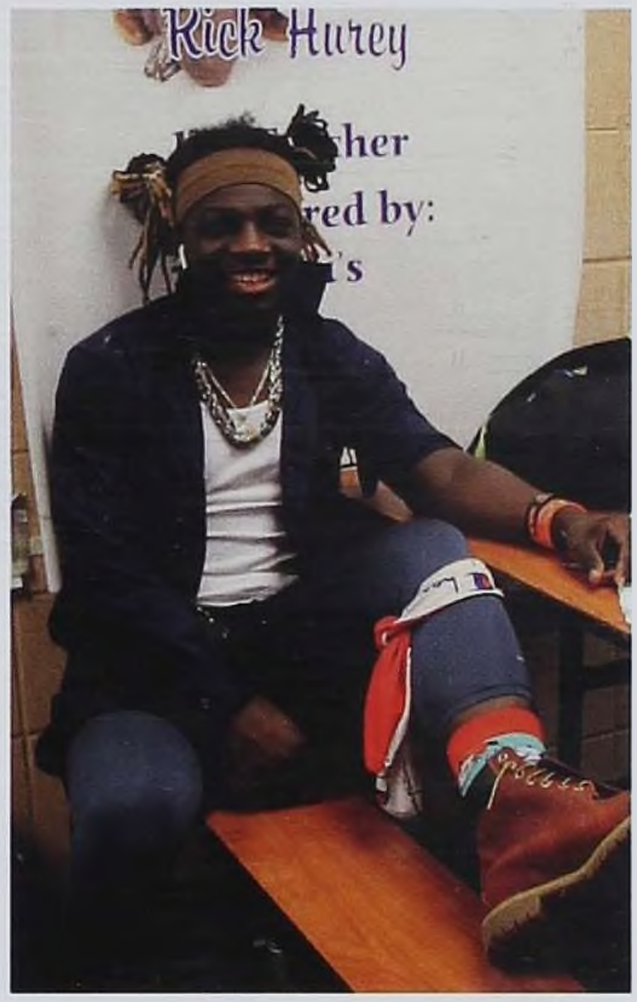
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"We worked so hard for so many weeks, so many long hours, so many set builds. It's all just really disappointing."
Andre Burns

COVID cancellation

... musical put on hold in wake of pandemic

The cast and crew were preparing for one last rehearsal before the opening night of "Little Shop of Horrors," when they got the news they were dreading: The musical was postponed because of COVID-19.

"We just all started crying because we realized how much this show really meant to us," Jarius Taylor Newman (11), one of the stars, said. "All of us were anticipating opening night. We've been waiting for so long to show this off and working so hard . . . it was really upsetting once the reality all kicked in."

The cast was hoping the delay would be a short one, but when the governor announced school was out for the year, the musical was postponed indefinitely.

1. During dress rehearsal, Jarius Taylor Newman (11) and JaLeah Walker (12) share the stage with Audrey II, an evil flytrap-like extraterrestrial plant. // Photos courtesy of W. Akins.

2. As the heroine Audrey, Ja'Leah Walker (12) shares her dreams for her future with Crystal played by Kennedy Halliburton.

3. Playing the sadistic dentist, Joshua Roberts attempts to scare Seymour (Jarius Taylor Newman) into a painful teeth cleaning.

4. Observing the action, Kennedy Halliburton (11), Lauren Molenda (10) and Makayla Jones (11) act as narrators for the story.

Q How did you feel when you found out the musical was being postponed?

A "It's just really sad to know that we put in all this work and so many hours... people really don't know how long we stay here after school and we practically live here on the weekends. For all of that to be snatched from under us ... it's devastating and depressing, especially because it was just one night before we were supposed to open."

... MYIA DICKERSON (11)

Bitterly disappointed, cast members gather after hearing news that the musical was indefinitely postponed (from left Jarius Taylor Newman, Andre Burns and Myia Dickerson). // Photos by R. Alvarado

urIng a classroom "Chopped" competition, Shawnte Crenshaw epares a meal to be judged. The competition is based on the popular od show. // Photos by D. Bernabe

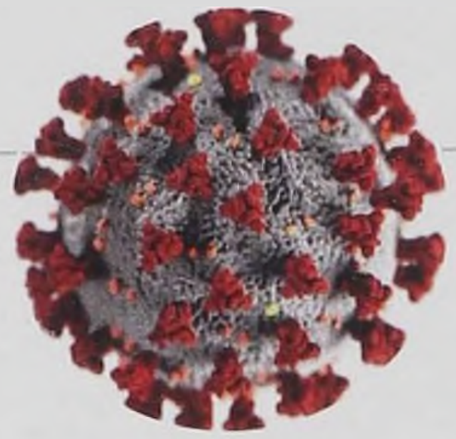
Focusing on her knife skills, Jewel Williams (12) prepares a meal during the Chopped competition in culinary arts class.

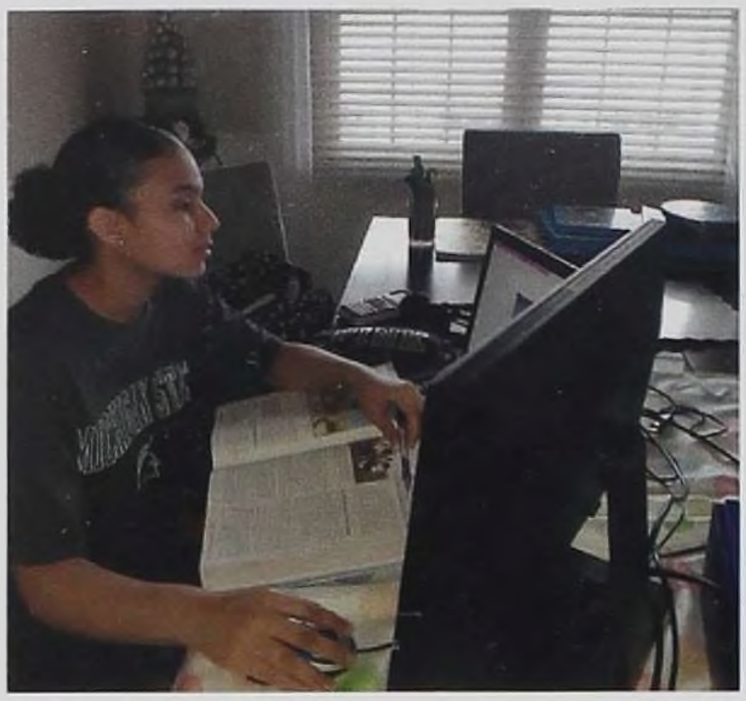
As part of entrepreneur class, students, including Jacob Rice (12) and Kevin Westbrook (12), create vision boards. Vision boards are collages of pictures and words that symbolize dreams. They serve as a source of inspiration to reach goals.

As Natasha Soweka (11) watches from a distance, Sierra Barron carefully dissects a cow's eye to examine its structure. Cow eye dissection is popular because it is similar to the human eye. // Photos by D. Bernabe

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

Working closely together, Nasya Hawkins (11) and Angelica Villareal (11) examine their cow's eye as they dissect it.

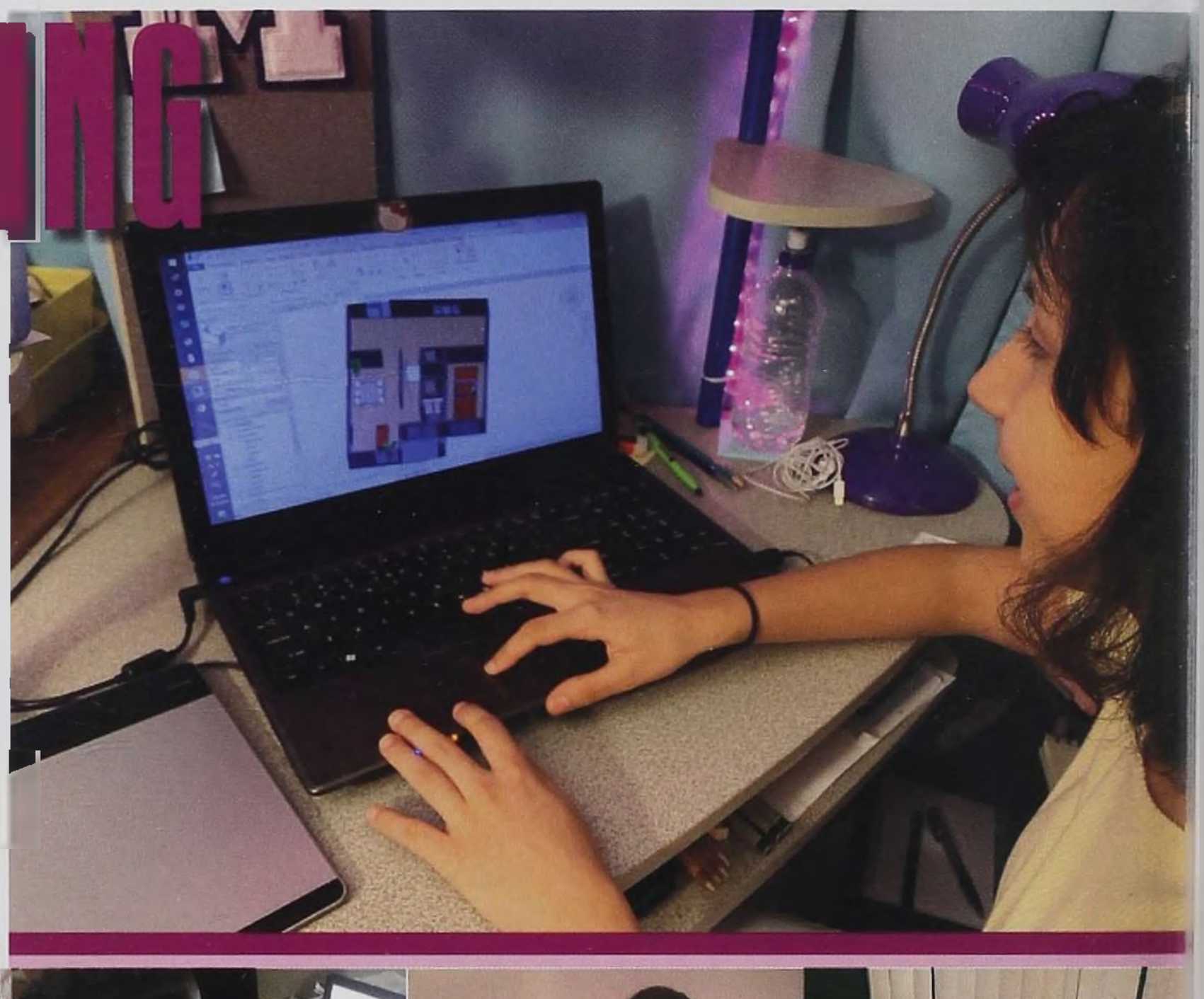




Working from home, Janelle Dockins (10) sets up a formal desk to focus on her work, while Jisela Herrera (12) opts for a comfier spot. "It is a really big adjustment because we went from face-to-face learning to everything online, so it is taking some time to figure everything out but I'm getting the hang of it," Herrera said.

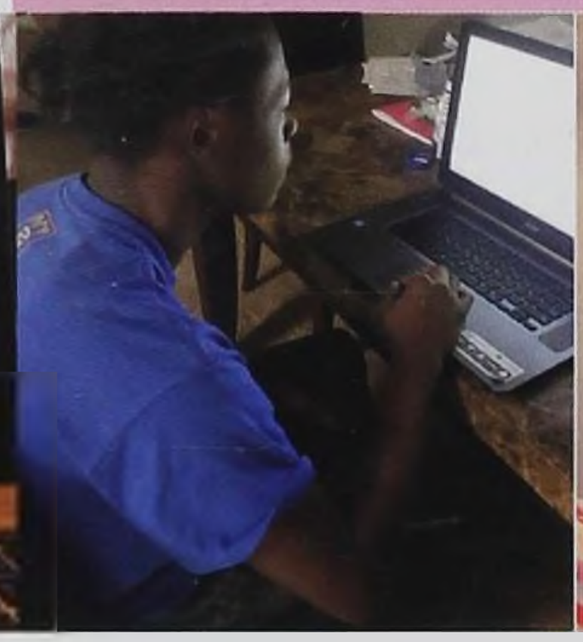
. . . Learning to embrace

E-LEARNING

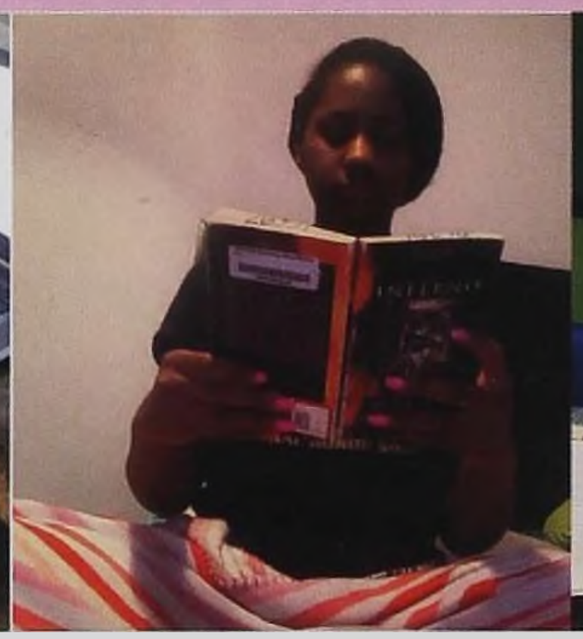


Working from home, Keili Cruz (12) completes an architecture assignment. "I personally do not mind e-Learning. It's flexible with the way I live at home," Cruz said. "I can complete tasks at a pace that is convenient for me. Although there are many distractions at home, I can always set aside a time where I feel my focus is at its prime. However, I do miss out on the welding experience that comes with being at the school."

Mrs. Melinda Reinhart and her students participate in a fun bonding activity via Zoom.

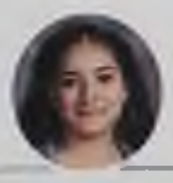


Londell McGee focuses on an assignment.



Raven Embers concentrates on making sense of *Dante's Inferno.*

Aaron Facen completes school work before going to his job.



"My biggest fear is not being able to return to school at all because the virus just isn't being contained. That we may have already had our last day of school and as a senior that is so scary and heartbreaking." **JISELA HERRERA**

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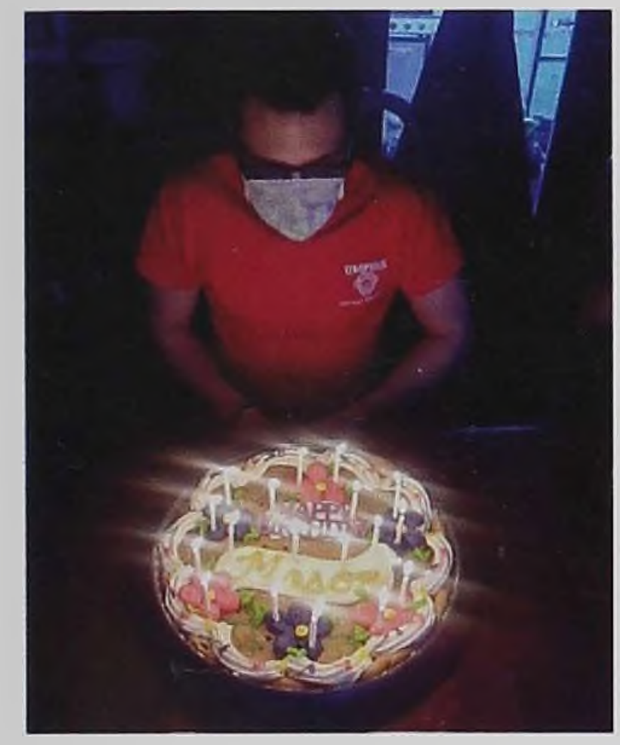
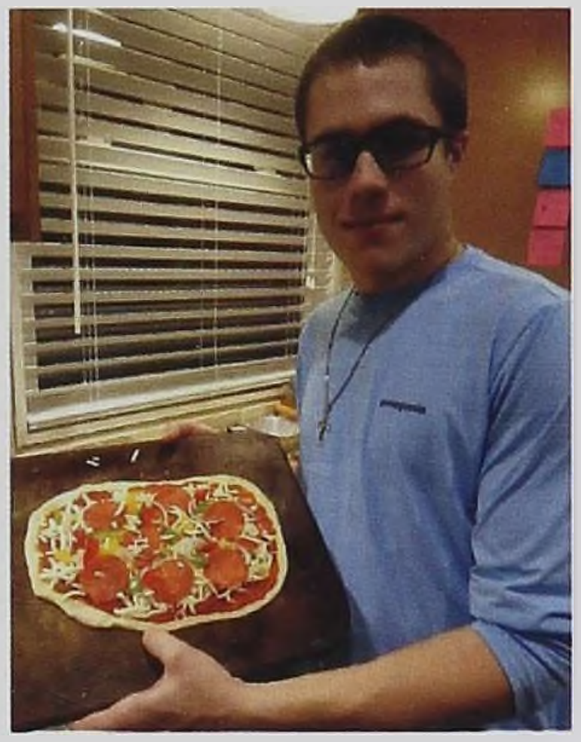
Brainstorming via Zoom, members of the newspaper staff share ideas. The students covered the quarantine with stories and blogs in an online newspaper.

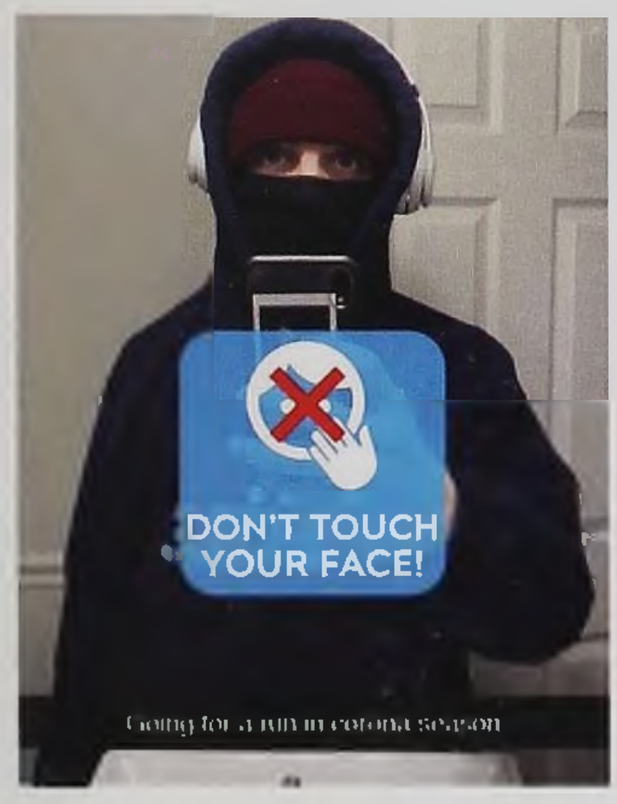
Reporting from home, Kayla Mason and Raina Jenkins were two of the PNN staffers taping segments from home. PNN put out several editions of *The Friday Show* despite the quarantine.





While in quarantine, Senior Mason Martisauskas celebrates his birthday. Martisauskas also spent his free time learning new skills such as cooking and painting.

PASSING TIME IN QUARANTINE



Modeling safety tips, Anthony Rivera (12) prepares for a run.

Passing time at home, Caitlin Perosky (12) works on a puzzle.

"My biggest fear right now is not being able to walk across the stage. I want to be with my class for one last time and wear my cap and gown to receive the diploma I worked so hard for ... Playing in the Orchestra for graduation was something I also looked forward to all of my years high school."

... Desiree Alleyne

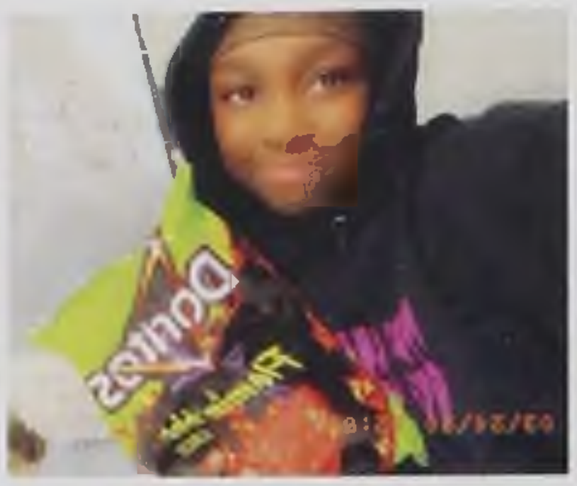
"What I miss the most is my whole senior year. Everyone looks forward to all the festivities of senior year and it sucks that I won't be able to have those experiences. I've been keeping myself busy by trying my hardest to stay on top of school work, painting and playing video games to get my mind off of bigger issues."

... Zhanvle' Edmond

"When I first heard school was closed for the rest of the year, I didn't think it was true. I just laughed it off and then started crying again because I realized the rest of my senior year was gone."

... Aaliyah Perry

CHYNA ROYSTER



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FAITH GARRETT

NATASHA SOWEKA

LEAH MALLON

JUSTYN JONES

PAJAMA DAY

Man's Best Friend

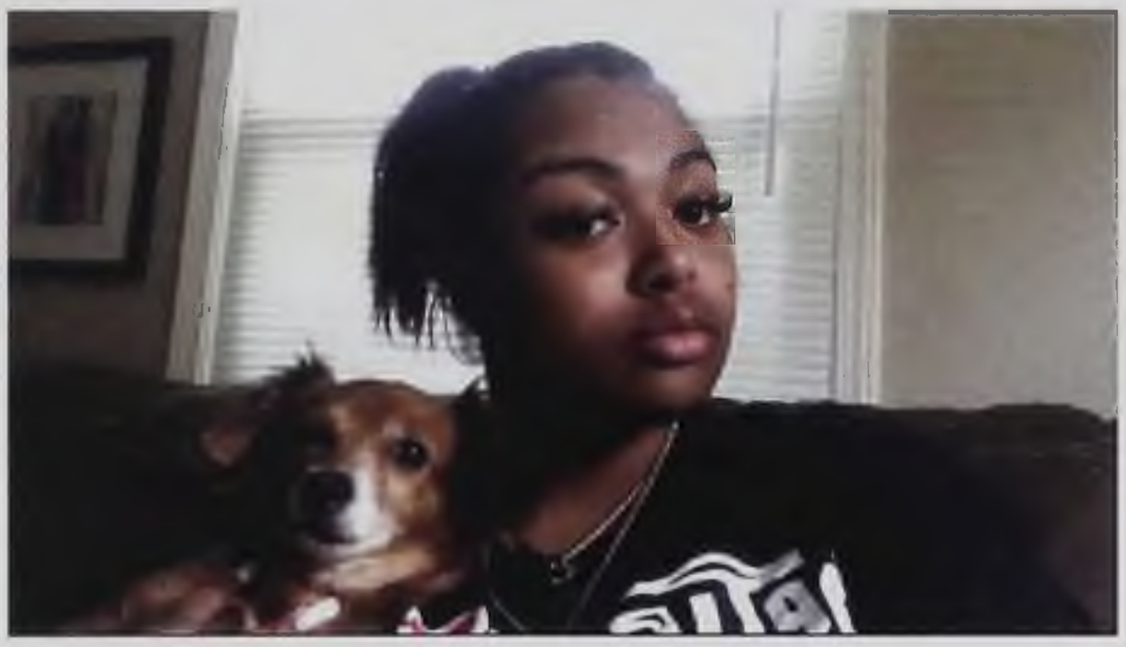
Pets enjoyed a little extra attention while students were at home

Alanna Sabbath (10) snuggles with her dog.

Getting some fresh air during the quarantine, Isaiah Henderson (12) walks his Maltipoo Jack. Isaiah said Jack always Jack always knows the right time to come and give you a hug."

Welcoming a new addition, Lauren Molenda (10) snuggles with Kobe. Her family adopted the puppy during quarantine.

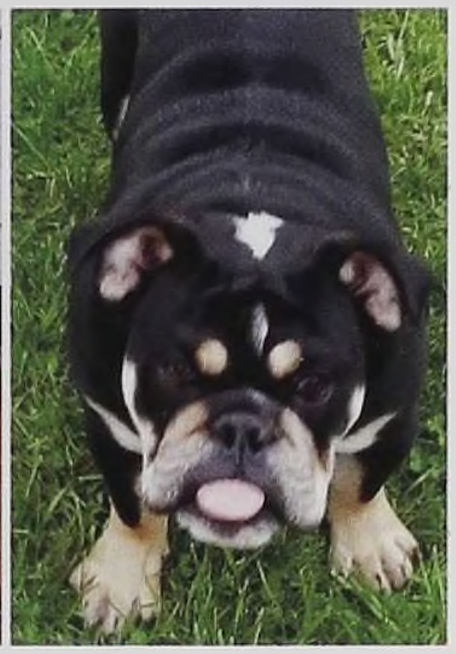
On a cold March day, Anthony Gibbons (10) takes one of the family dogs for a walk.



Taking a selfie, Justine Imes (12) shows off Remy, who is a Chiweenie. When asked what she likes best about Remy, Imes said, "She loves to cuddle."

Aaron Facen (10) poses with his dog.

Veldie Hubbard (11) with his pet gecko.



While at home, Chance Johnson (10) got to spend some quality time with his 6-month-old puppy Big Baby.

"I enjoy jumping with great height and feeling the cool breeze, while going toward the sand pit."

RaShaun Donald

Season barely out of THE BLOCKS

High expectations for boys' team dashed by threat of COVID

The boys' track team began the season with high expectations, including repeating as Regional, Sectional and DAC champions, but their hopes were dashed when COVID-19 ended their season.

"We were looking very dominant as a team, and we could have been a contender for placing at state as a team," said Jerry Walker (12), who competed in the 4-by-800 relay at state last year. "Personally, I was just trying to break 2 minutes in the 800 and push myself to excel past my limits."

The team started strong in its first indoor meet against Highland and Lowell. The Pirates nabbed seven victories: Anthony Mitchell (11) in the long jump, Jeremiah Williams (12) in the pole vault, Kenneth Grant (10) in shot put, Davin Latiker (12) in 55-meter hurdles, Jeremiah Howard (12) 55-meter dash, Jaden Clark (12) 200 meters and Walker in the 1,000 meters, as well as the 4-by-400 relay with Clark, Jaysen Massie (12), Brendan Rogers (11) and Korey Parker (12).

The team had just two more meets: Martes Lewis won the Region Rumble Throws Classic, while Armani Glass won two events at the Indian Indoor Open with Williams and Latiker also taking first in their events.

Then the season came to a sudden stop.

Despite missing out on State, Coach Patrick Coffey said the seniors have made their mark.

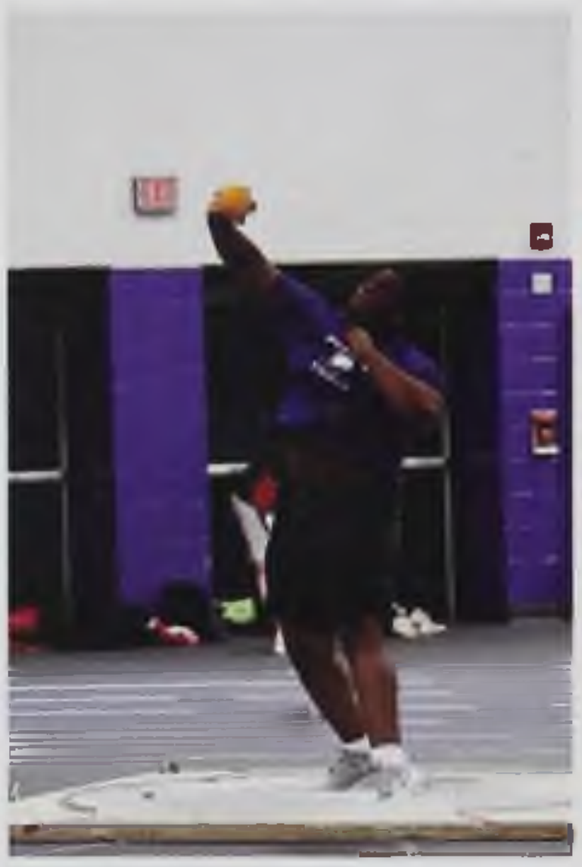
"We were all devastated that our season was canceled, but I couldn't be more proud of how our guys handled themselves," Coach Coffey said. "Our seniors left being the best track and field team in Merrillville history while also creating a positive and healthy culture for our returners."

As he begins his jump, Breijon Peters (11) keeps an eye on the bar. Peters finished second behind teammate Jeremiah Williams.

Against Highland and Lowell, Armani Glass (11) jumps high over the sand pit. "I love long jump because that's where I have the most fun and success at," Glass said.

During the 4-by-800 relay, Jerry Walker helps his team to a second-place finish. He also took first in the 1,000 meters individual race.

In the first meet of the indoor season, Jeremie Lander (11) runs in the 4-by-400 relay. "I'm always pushing myself harder trying to be a state qualifier again," Lander said.



Building up momentum, Kenneth Grant (10) prepares to throw the shot. Grant won the event.

Giving his all, Peter Rodriguez (12) pushes through his sprints. "I believe I can achieve every goal I have with the right mindset," he said.

Stretching far, Christian Hemphill (12) leaps over the sand pit. "I let it come naturally, just like how I practice every day," Hemphill said.

With great strength, Nicholas Price (12) throws the shot put. "The way you perform solely relies on the work and effort you put in at practice," Price said. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

While running toward the sand pit, Malachi Williams (12), prepares for his jump. "I love doing it with the enjoyment of keeping my body in shape at the same time," Williams said.

En route to a first-place finish, Jeremiah Howard (12) pulls ahead of the competition. "I focus on my form every day because without a great foundation, you will not have a great outcome in meets," Howard said.

Staying focused, Davin Latiker (12) strides over the hurdle as he pulls ahead of the competition for first place. "I love hurdling because it has brought me many great successes and opportunities," Latiker said.

Clearing the high jump bar, Nigel Phillips (12) starts off the season with a second-place finish. Phillips had big plans for the season after coming back from an injury that cut short his junior season.

Pushing hard, Caiyla Davis (12) warms up at the home indoor meet. She finished second in the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

Pulling ahead, Arianna Chatman (12) passes the competition in a preliminary heat. She finished third in the finals.

With all eyes on her, Romella Bozeman (12) ignores the pressure and pushes to the finish of what she did not know would be one of her last races at Merrillville. Bozeman won the 55-meter and 200-meter races at the indoor meet against Lowell and Highland. // Photos by T. DiGrispino

During an attempt for the pole vault, Jayda Ireland (11) accelerates on her approach. She finished fifth in her only indoor meet.

As she's in the air, Cailynn Dilosa (11) gets ready to land during her long jump. She finished third.

Making her approach, Jariah Runde (9) builds up energy as she makes an attempt to clear the bar. She finished fourth.

"Memories that my track team has created over the years will never dissipate."

Romella Bozeman

Indoor season INTERRUPTED

After just a few indoor meets, the team met an unbeatable opponent.

The indoor season began on a high note as the girls won nine events at home against Lowell and Highland on March 2.

Romella Bozeman (12) won two events that day, the 55- and 200-meter dashes, with Caiyla Davis (12) finishing a close second in both. The seniors were expected to return to State, where they had finished second in the 4-by-100 relay last year.

Other winners were McKenzi Hollamon (9) in the high jump, Kamery Hoover (9) in shot put, Jordan Yanders (11) in 55-meter hurdles, Shamiya Beasley (12) in the 1,000, and the 4-by-400 relay with Devyn Walters (10), Shirmara Anderson (10), Raina Jenkins (12) and Cailynn Dilosa (11).

The team had two other meets: the Region Rumble Throws Classic and the Indian Indoor Open, where Bozeman, Yanders and the 4-by-400 team again finished first.

Then suddenly it was over as the danger of COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the indoor season, and eventually the outdoor season, as the danger lingered. Bozeman was devastated when she heard the news.

"I am extremely upset and saddened because this would've been my last year running track," she said. "The school I will be attending does not offer track because I am going to be a medical aesthetician."

"I would have loved to be at State winning medals with my team."

The team did receive some good news as Beasley was awarded the Eugene Cato Scholarship from the IHSAA for outstanding student-athletes.

During the 200 meters, Raina Jenkins (12) pushes to the finish. Jenkins was also part of the winning 4-by-100 relay.

During a break, Heavenly Bullard (11), Journey Barksdale (12) , Jordan Barksdale (12) and Laila Tape (12) catch up on the stands.

As she prepares to release, Breanna Buggs (12) cradles the shot against her neck. She finished sixth in the shot put.

Getting her legs up high, Jordan Yanders (11) races to a first-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles.

1. Opening her stride, Shamiya Beasley (12) races around the corner getting ready to trade off during the 4-by-400 relay. Beasley won the 1,000 meter race.
2. During the pole vault, Iysis Perez (11) prepares to clear the bar. Perez finished third with a height of 7 feet, 1 inch.
3. Approaching a hurdle, Chyna Royster focuses on making a clean jump. She finished second behind teammate Jordan Yanders.

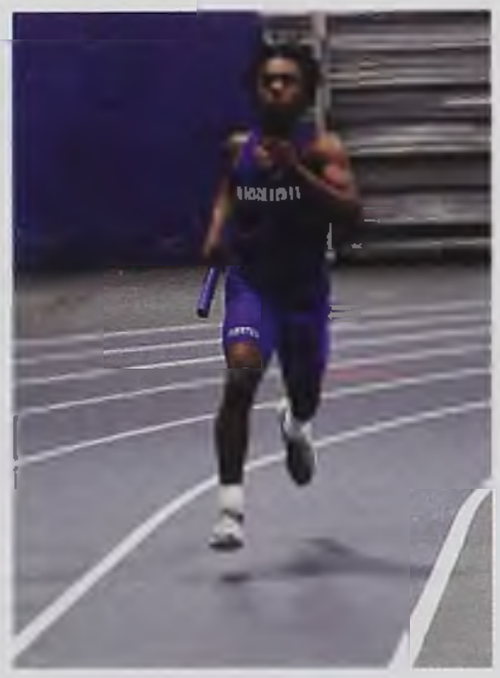
Seniors in the SPOTLIGHT

NIGEL PHILLIPS
Track & Field
Events: Sprints, jumps
What I miss the most: The bus rides from sophomore year and Unified Track freshman year.
Biggest disappointment: Not being able to finish out our senior season.
Advice to younger teammates: Do not take your younger years for granted. No matter your grade level do everything the best to your ability because you'll never know what could happen in the future.

DARION JOHNSON
Track & Field
Events: Thrower/Discus
Favorite memory: Always getting a good laugh, and making other people happy to be there.
Biggest disappointment: I can't show the state how good I was going to be.
Advice to younger teammates: Go hard in everything you do and don't take anything for granted.

JEREMIAH HOWARD
Track & Field
Events: Sprinter
What I miss the most: Competing with my teammates
Biggest disappointment: This is a "what if" year now because we were going to be special.
Advice to younger teammates: Use time wisely and work hard.

JOSIAH ELLISON
Track & Field
Events: Thrower



DRE'SHON GARRETT
Track & Field
Events: 100m; 200m, long jump

NICHOLAS PRICE
Track & Field
Events: Thrower

DAVIN LATIKER
Track & Field
Events: Hurdles

KOREY PARKER
Track & Field
Events: Sprints, relays

ADONIS JOHNSON
Track & Field
Events: 400m

PETER RODRIGUEZ
Track & Field
Events: Hurdles
Advice to younger teammates: Keep working hard and make it to state for us.

MARTES LEWIS
Track & Field
Events: Shot Put, Discus
Favorite memory: Throwing and working out every day
What I miss the most: Being together.
Advice to younger teammates: Practice your technique to be better.

TYLEE WILLIAMS
Track & Field
Events: High Jump
Favorite memory: Winning DAC, Sectionals and Regionals last year
What I miss most: I miss my younger teammates and the knowledge that we could've passed on to them.
Advice to younger teammates: Keep up the hard work and remember that the small setbacks always have the biggest comebacks.

JADEN CLARK
Track & Field
Events: 100m; 200m, 400
Advice to younger teammates: I've got all the faith in the world for y'all. Enjoy your season, enjoy playing together one last time seniors. And bring back home a chip for the class of 2020.

LINDELL HARRIS
Track & Field
Events: 800m; 1,600m
What I miss the most: Bonding with my teammates
Biggest disappointment: I couldn't fulfill my dreams.
Advice to younger teammates: Never give up no matter what.

JERRY WALKER
Track & Field
Events: 4x800 and 800m
Favorite memory: The road to state last year
What I miss the most: The talks before and after the runs.
Advice to younger teammates: Keep grinding to be the best you can be.

MAURICE PATRICK
Track & Field
Events: 110m, 300m hurdles
Favorite memory: Going to meets on Saturday to compete against several schools at once
What I miss the most: Not being able to work out and become better athletes together
Advice to younger teammates: You all have the spotlight now, you call have to keep Merrillville #1 as we would've. Lead the younger guys right that will enter next year, and persevere through any challenge.

KHRIS WALTON
Track & Field
Events: Thrower

MALACHI WILLIAMS
Track & Field
Events: Long jump

JEREMIAH WILLIAMS
Track & Field
Events: Pole vault, hurdles

CHRISTIAN HEMPHILL
Track & Field
Events: High jump, long jump

JEVONTE WILLIAMS
Track & Field
Events: Thrower

ANGELO WINFIELD
Baseball
Position: Outfield

ARMON PELOZZA
Baseball
Position: Pitcher
What I love about baseball: Being out on the field whether it's cold or hot and grinding out games, playing the best I can.
Biggest disappointment: [Missing] my last chance to prove how good I can be and to try and move on and play in college.

ANTHONY RIVERA
Baseball
Position: Catcher
Advice to younger teammates: Keep working hard, don't slow down and never stop. When you think you've done enough, do some more.

TYSON ADAMS
Baseball
Position: Pitcher, first base

MASON MARTISAUSKAS
Baseball
Position: Pitcher, outfield
Favorite memory: The game at Rail Cats Stadium
What do you miss most: Being around the team, especially at practices.
Advice to younger teammates: Trust the process, be determined, and work to get better every day.

KIHYA PRICE
Softball
Position: Outfield
What I miss the most: All my teammates joking around
Biggest disappointment: Not being able to play one last game with my teammates
Advice to younger teammates: The real world is right around the corner.

KAYLA ALCOX
Softball
Position: Utility player
Favorite memory: Meeting one of my closest friends and going to Dairy Queen after our last game sophomore year.
What I miss the most: The energy and goofiness of my team and the chance to improve with them.
Advice to younger teammates: I love you and I wish nothing but home runs and grand slams next season.

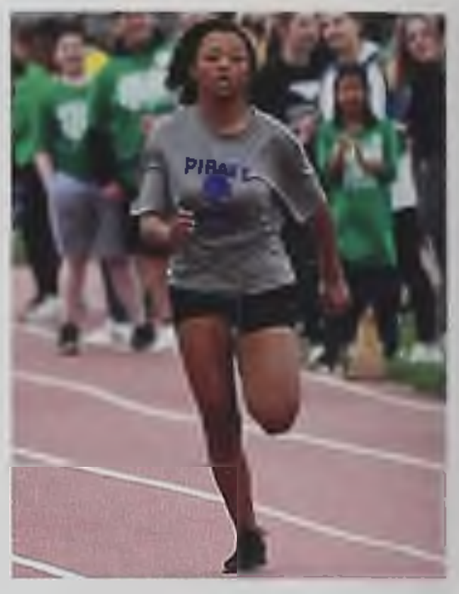
MARIA GUARDIOLA
Softball
Position: Second base
Favorite memory: Getting together at my house or going out shopping last year for Senior Night
What I miss the most: I miss the girls and how funny they were. . . . I think we could've really done something this year.
Advice to younger teammates: I will definitely be your #1 fan next year cheering in the bleachers.

JOSLYN MUNOZ
Softball
Position: Outfield

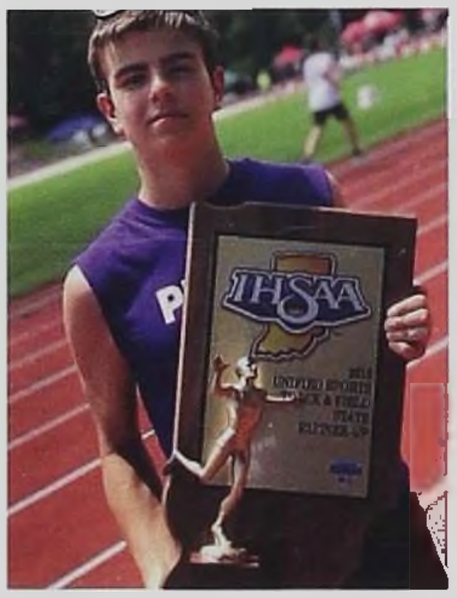
TAIRA AMISU
Softball
Position: Second base/OF
Favorite memory: [On a rainy day], we decided to run and slide across on the wet softball field.
What I miss the most: The bond that we had. We had all gotten really close during the past seasons.
Advice to teammates: Be determined to improve your skill, and keep working hard.

JAQUISHA HAYMON
Unified Track
Events: Sprints, relay, long jump
Favorite memory: Winning the 2018 State Championship
Biggest disappointment: Not being able to finish my senior year in track due to being quarantined and not being able to win another championship ring.
Advice to younger teammates: Exercise regularly, eat a well-balanced diet and follow their dreams to lead to success.

CAITLIN PEROSKY
Unified Track
Events: Sprints, relay
What I miss the most: Hanging with my friends, running
Biggest disappointment: Not being able to run track my senior year.
Advice to younger teammates: Do your best never give up keep going. Once a Pirate, always a Pirate



SHAIANA NORWOOD
Unified Track
Events: Sprints, relay
What I miss the most: I miss the energy and love that was always there.
Biggest disappointment: Not being able to see the kids go to state again.
Advice to younger teammates: Continue being amazing, striving, and never giving up. You'll make it further than you'll ever imagine. All of you are amazing.



NIKO DJUKIC
Unified Track
Events: Shot put, 100m dash, 400m run
Favorite memory: Winning state our freshman year and being state runner-ups my sophomore year.
Biggest disappointment: Not getting the opportunity to win another state championship.
Advice to younger teammates: Nothing is guaranteed. Compete like it is your last meet.

TOREY YOUNG
Unified Track
Events: 100m dash, relay
Favorite memory: Winning state.
What I miss the most: The bus rides.
Biggest disappointment: Not making it to state the second time around.
Advice to younger teammates: Keep the program alive and keep making MHS athletics proud.

JUSTYN JONES
Unified Track
Events: Shot put
Advice to younger teammatees: Make it last. Make every moment count.

MALAYA HALL
Unified Track
Events: Sprints, relays

KAMERA ABRAMS
Unified Track
Events: 100m dash, relay

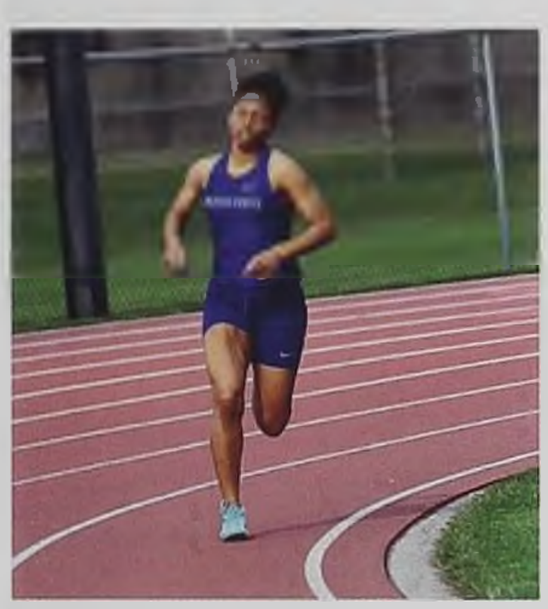
ASMYNE RIVERA
Track & Field
Events: Sprinter
Favorite memory: Going to Notre Dame with the seniors and watching the ACC meet
Biggest disappointment: Not being able to meet my goals in this last season.
Advice to younger teammates: Work hard and it will eventually be rewarded.

LEAH SAMS
Track & Field
Events: Shot Put
Favorite memory: When we would go in the weight room and do our workouts, the music would be on and we would start dancing.
What I miss the most: How we joked around in practice.
Advice to younger teammates: You can put your mind to anything and put your best foot forward.

RAINA JENKINS
Track & Field
Events: 800m; 1,600m
What I miss the most: Everybody's jokes at practice and everyone's work ethic.
Biggest disappointment: not having the chance to run my best 400m time this season and not having Senior Night.
Advice to younger teammates: Just go harder than ever next season since we didn't get to compete and break those records.

CHRISTINA SMITH
Track & Field
Events: 800m; 1,600m
Favorite memory: When the distance team played ankle tag in the snow
What I'll miss the most: Cracking jokes and laughing
Biggest disappointment: I took freshman and sophomore year for granted by not giving 100% every day.

CAIYLA DAVIS
Track & Field
Events: 800m; 1,600m
Favorite memory: I don't have only one favorite memory, every memory made was my favorite.
What I miss the most: I miss going to track meets and taking ice baths with my teammates.
Advice to younger teammates: Keep grinding and stay focused.

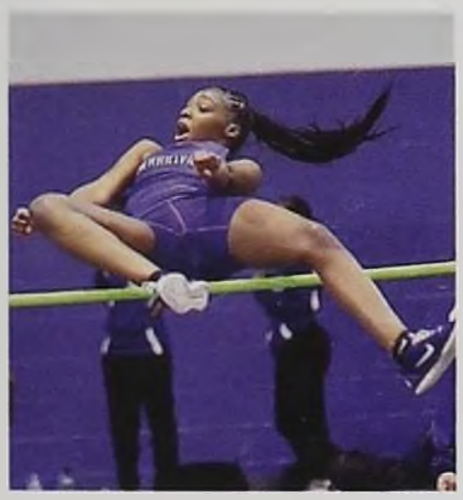


SHAMIYA BEASLEY
Track & Field
Events: 800m, 1,600 and 3,200 relays
Favorite memory: Spending the weekend in Bloomington for outdoor state and playing in the hotel rooms.
Biggest disappointment: Our 3,200m relay wasn't able to break the school record again.
Advice to younger teammates: I believe you guys can go so far, just keeping working hard and staying focused. Don't forget to smile, laugh, and appreciate the little things together.

ROMELLA BOZEMAN
Track & Field
Events: Sprints, 4x100 relay
Favorite memory: All the track meets and team bondings
Biggest disappointment: I was not able to attend State nor was my 4x1 team able to go to State because I know this year we would've done great things individually and together as a team.
Advice to younger teammates: No matter what curveballs life throws at you, you need to keep going and believe in yourself.

CHYNA ROYSTER
Track & Field
Events: Hurdles and high jump
Favorite memory: When I placed in the top 3 for the 100m hurdles at the DAC and Sectionals.
What I miss the most: Our practices and how we would really put our all in, and ending our practices in prayer
Advice to younger teammates: Please stay focused. You are a STUDENT-athlete, remember student comes first.

ARIANNA CHATMAN
Track & Field
Events: Sprints, hurdles
Favorite memory: The team bondings we had at IHOP and the bowling alley.
What I miss the most: The laughs, and being able to compete with a large group of competitive, talented girls.
Biggest disappointment: Not being able to prove all the goals I had for this season in my last year of high school.
Advice to younger teammates: Stay focused; don't doubt yourselves, you have several years to grow. Remember your purpose and goal.

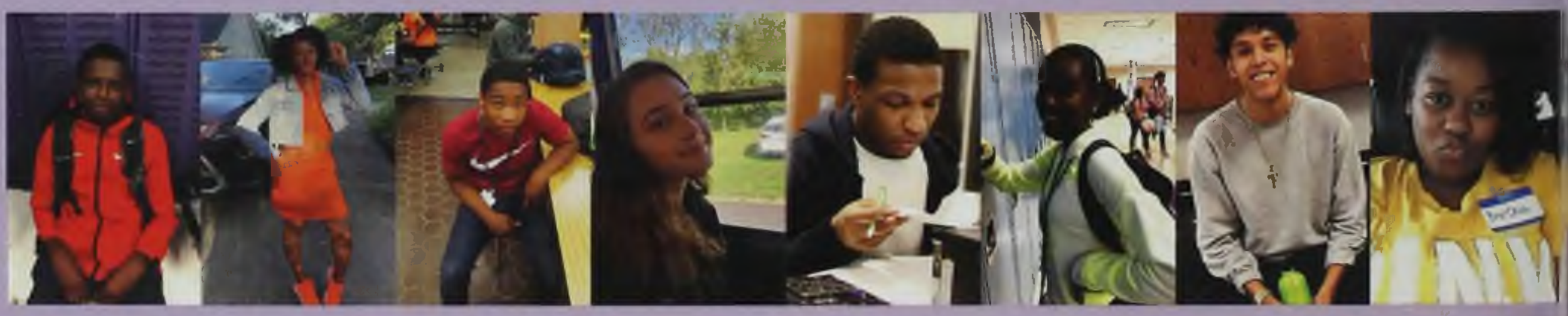


JOURNEY BARKSDALE
Track & Field
Events: High Jump

BREANNA BUGGS
Track & Field
Events: Thrower

AYONNA TAYLOR
Track & Field
Events: Discus
Favorite memory: My favorite memory is when we were working out in the weight and this song came on and everyone's mood in the weight room went from solemn to pumped up.
What I miss the most: The laughs that we shared literally every practice
Advice to younger teammates: I hope you guys have fun during your season(s) and do more than what you expect of yourself as an athlete, a student and a person.

Up Close & Personal



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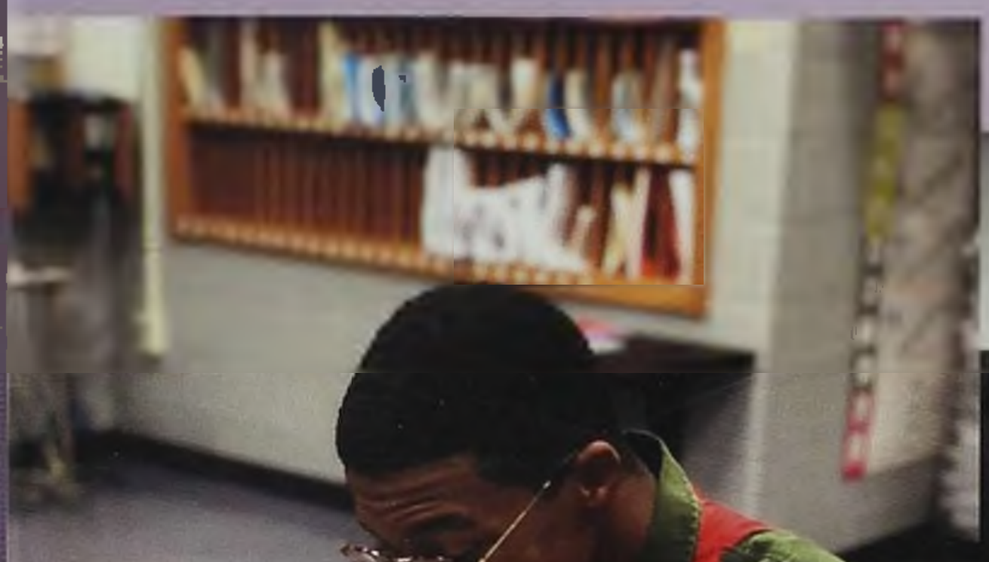

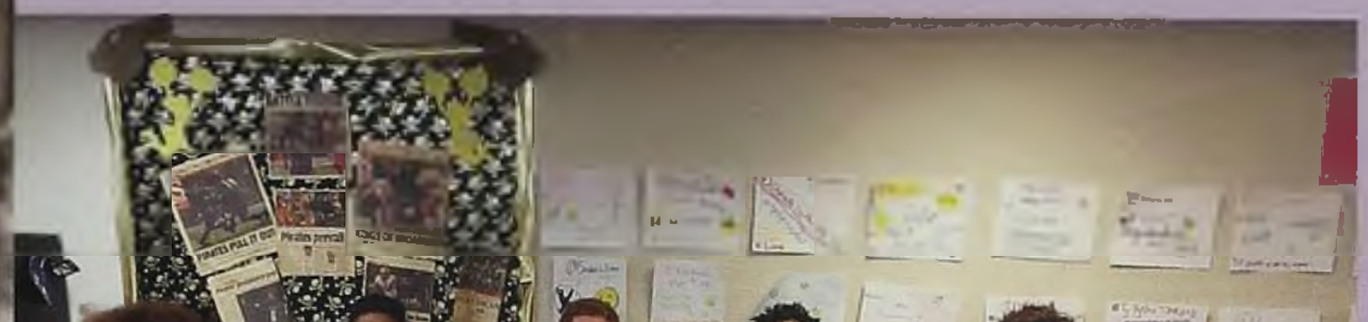

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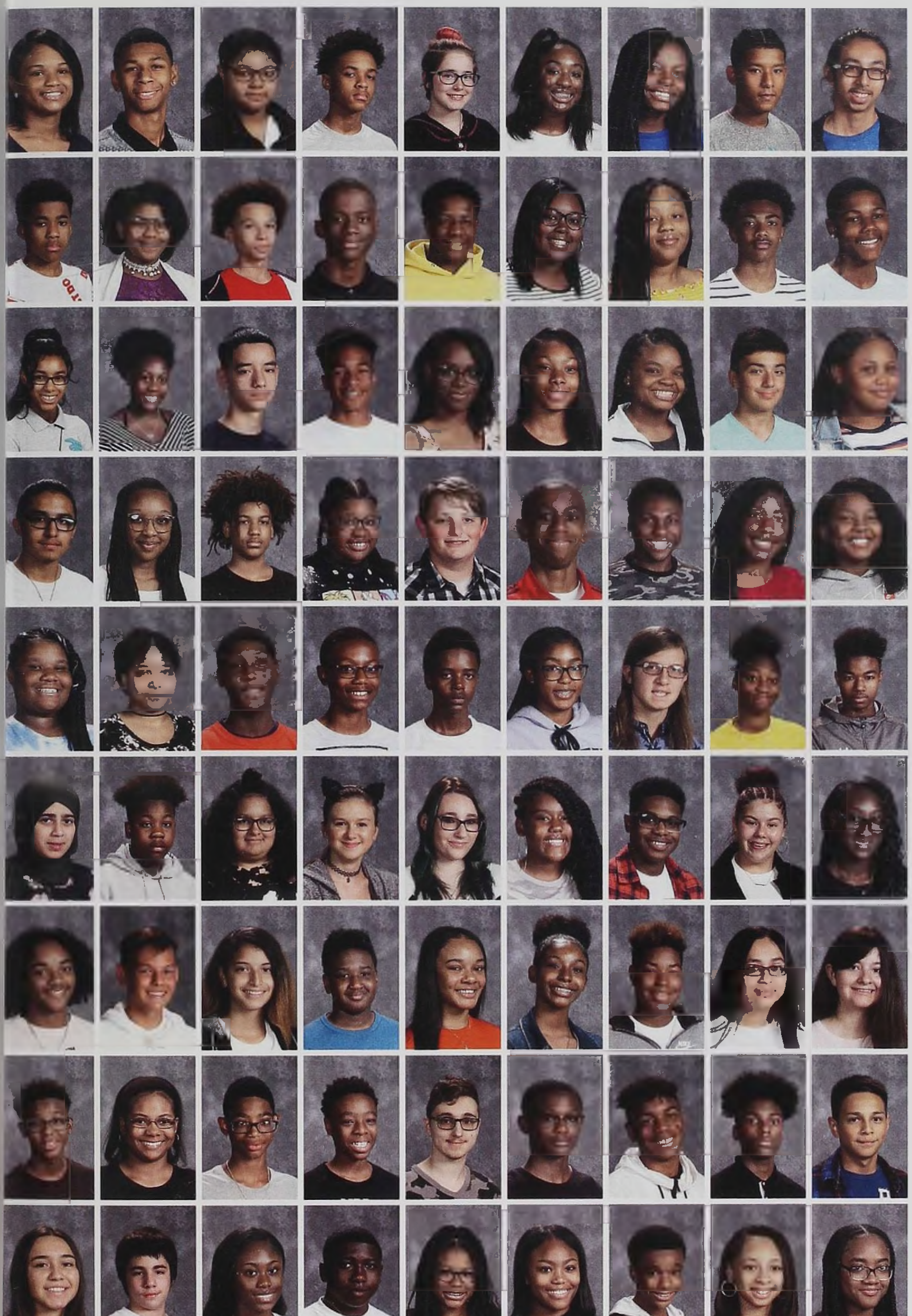

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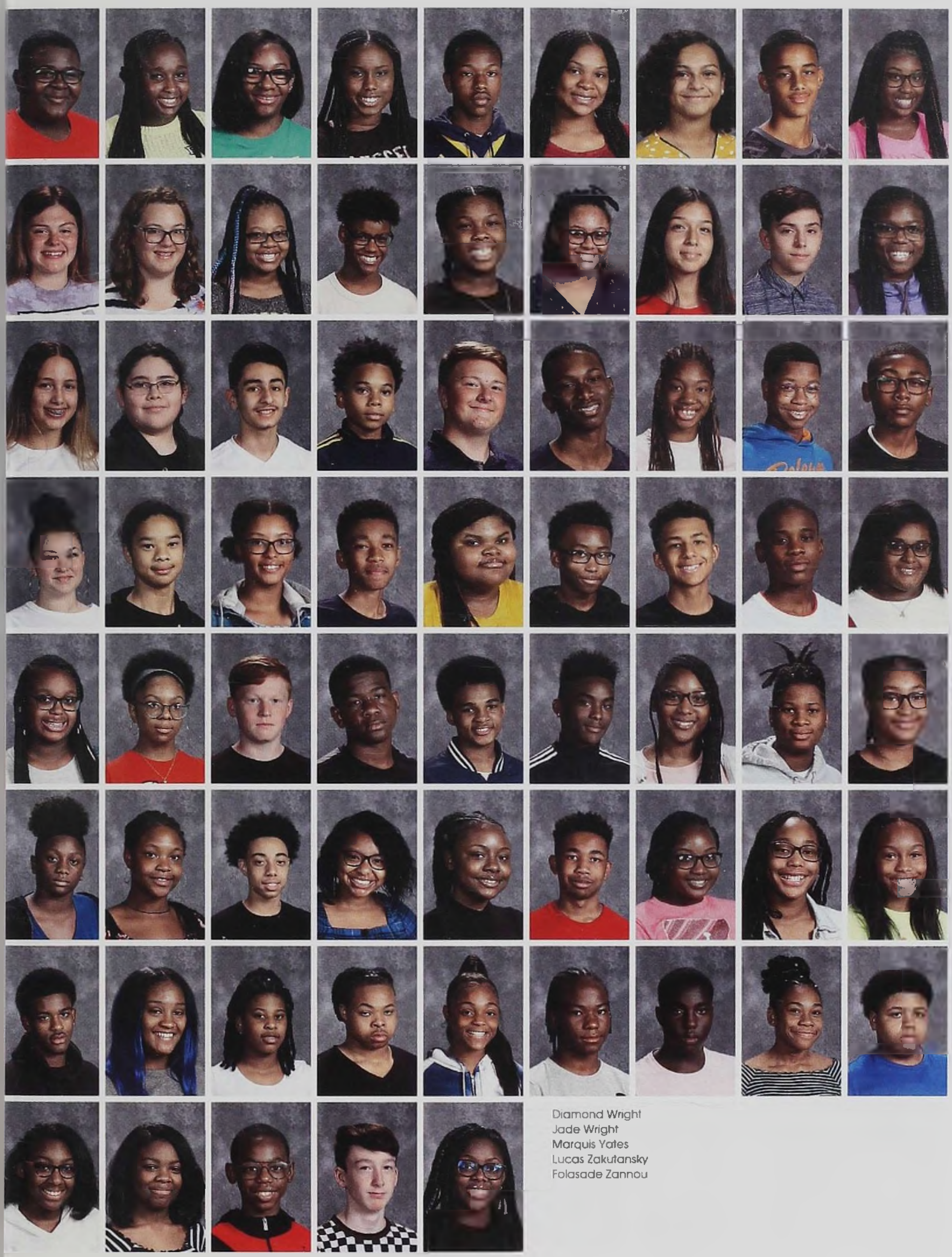

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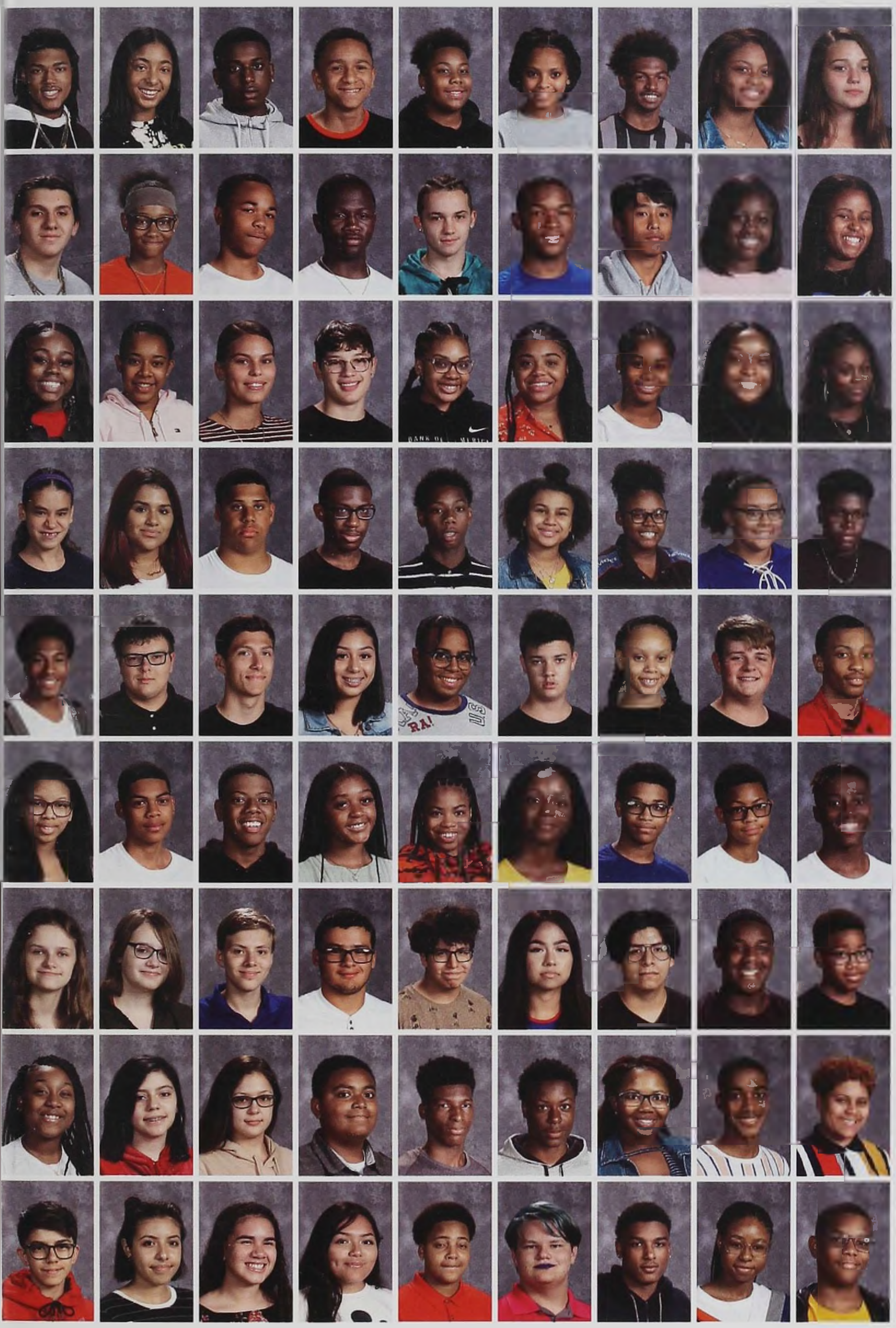

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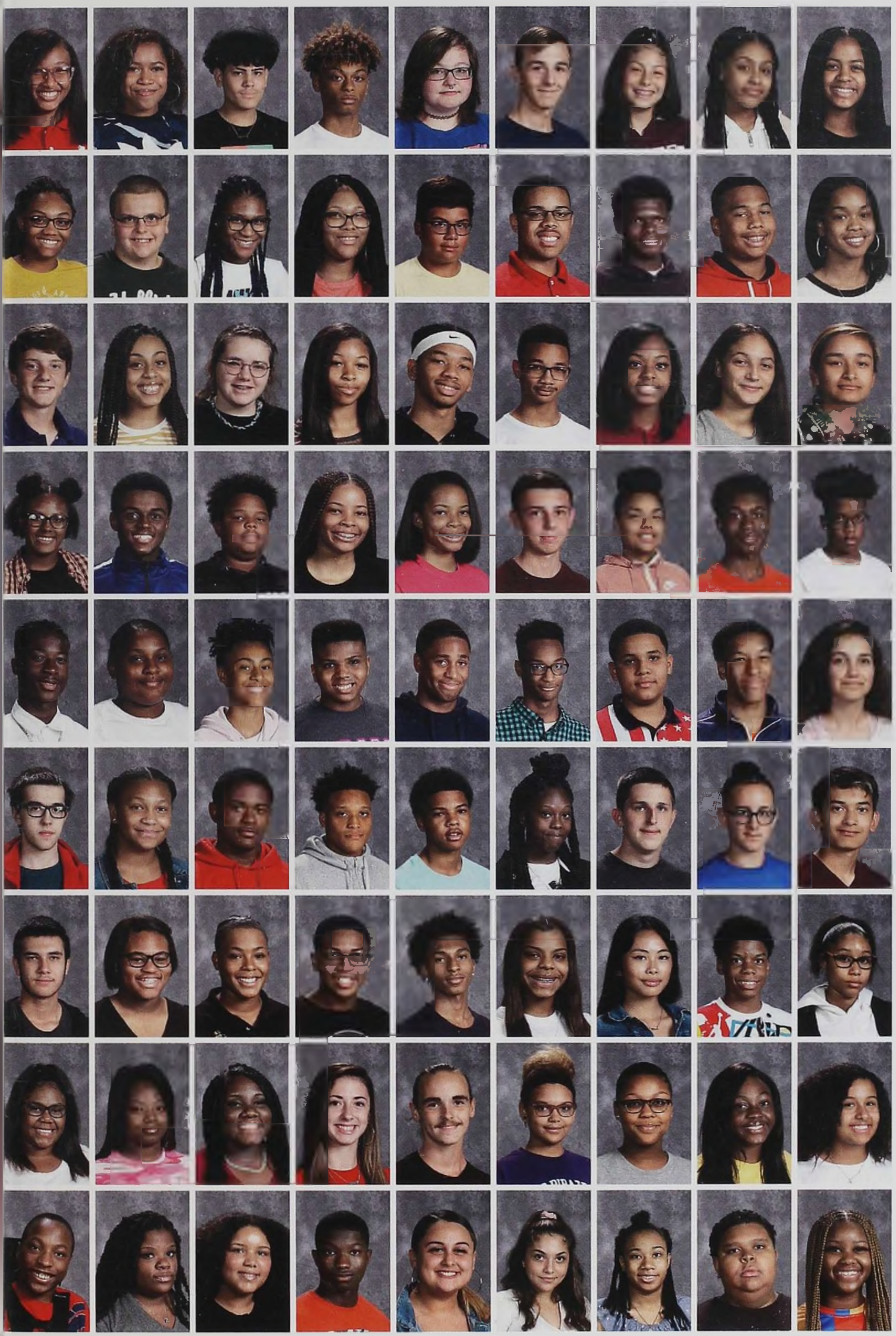

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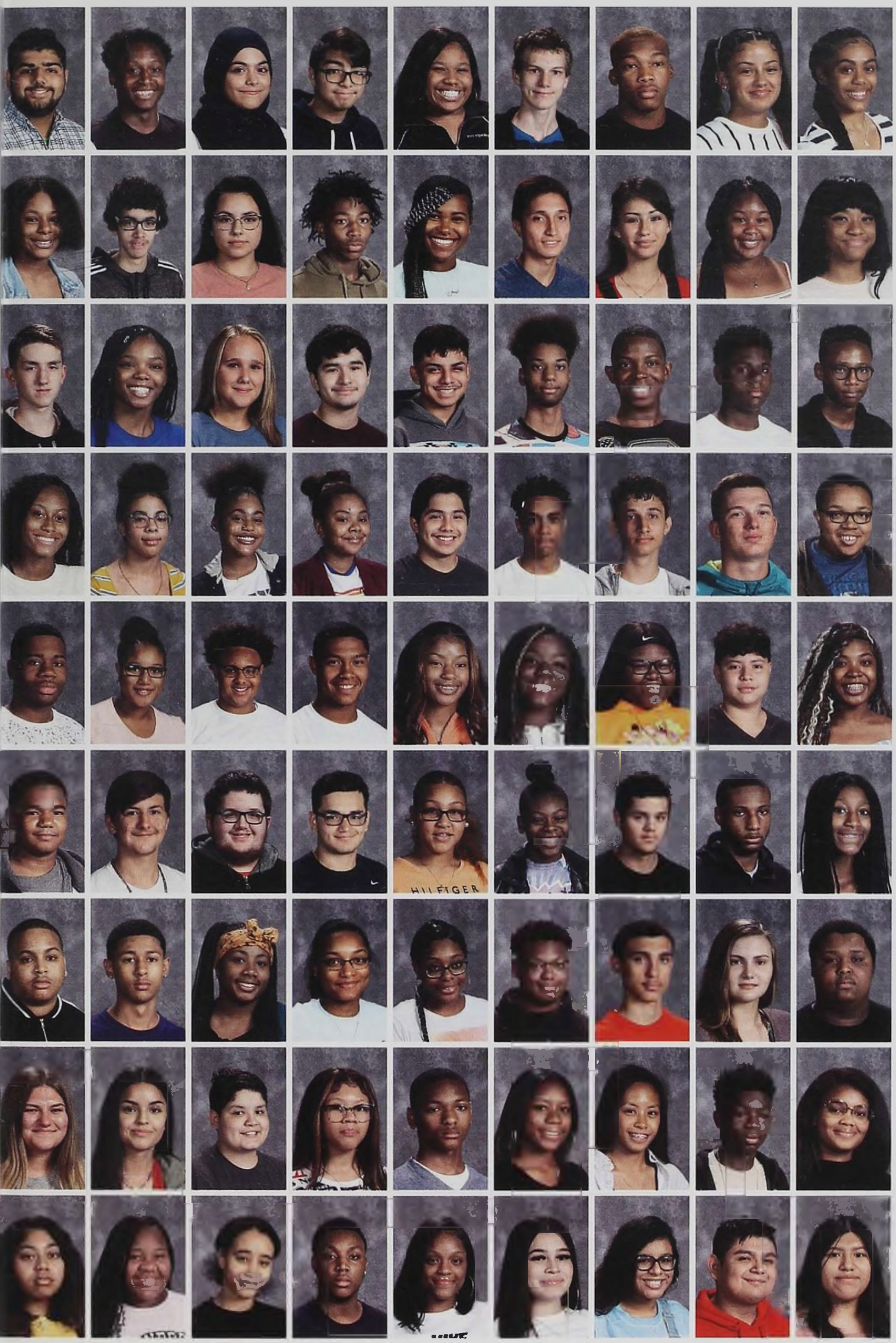

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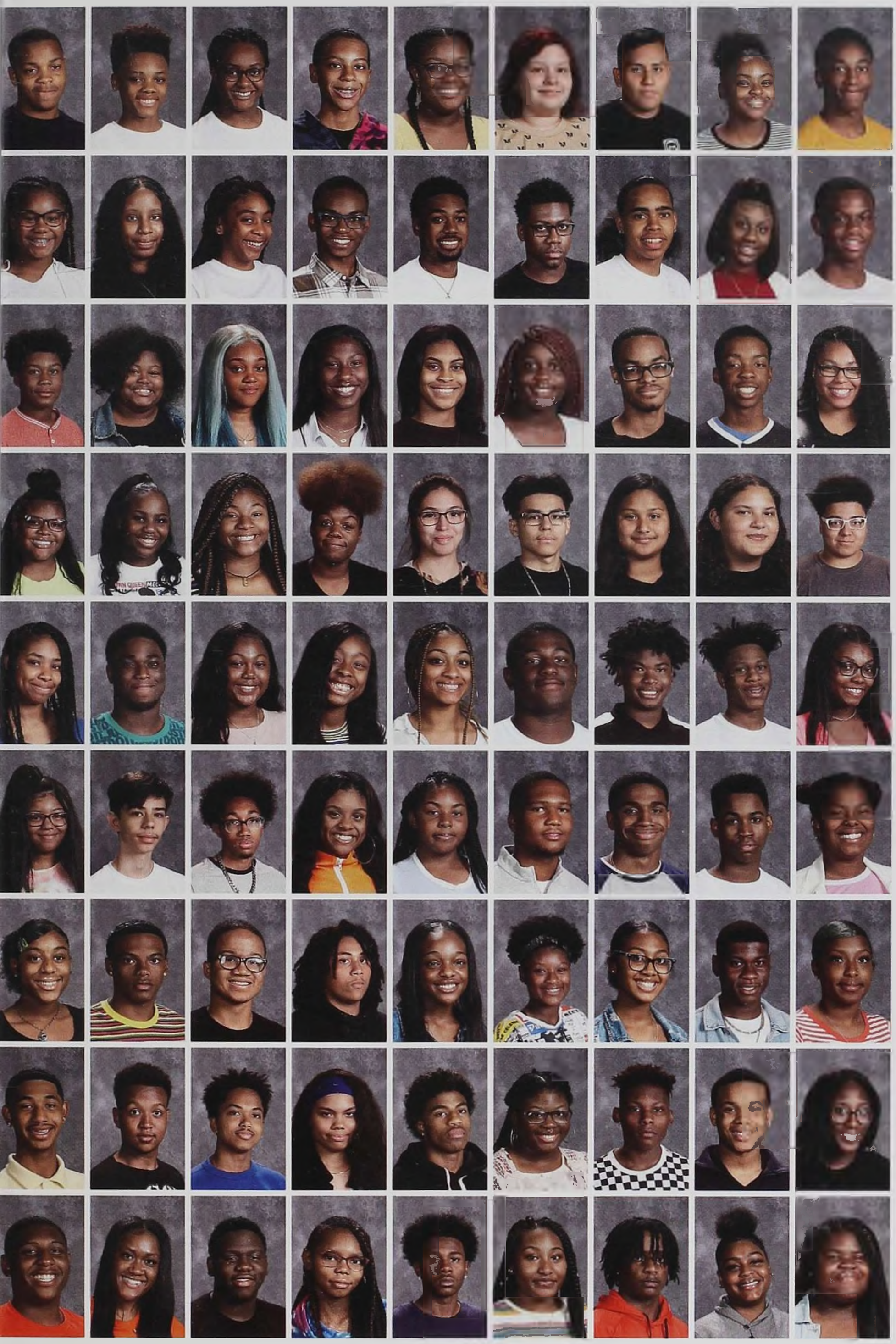

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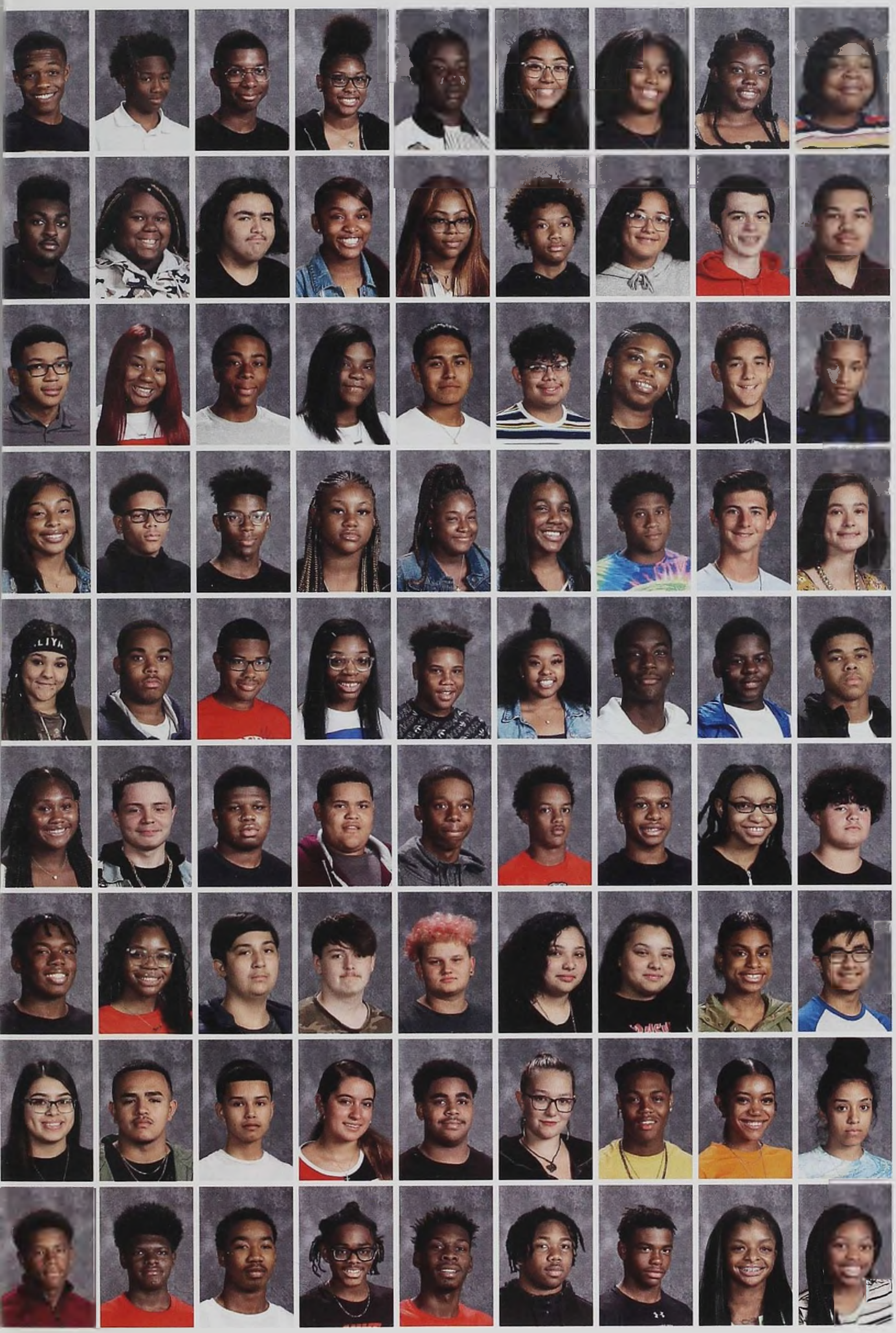

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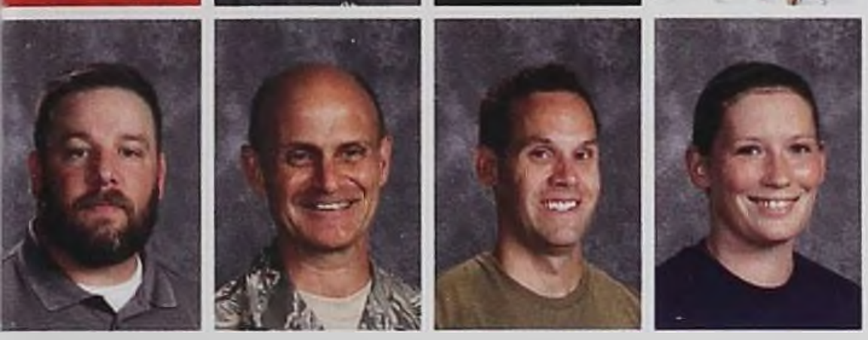

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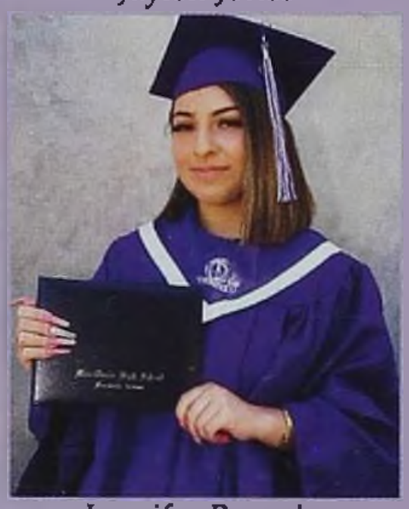
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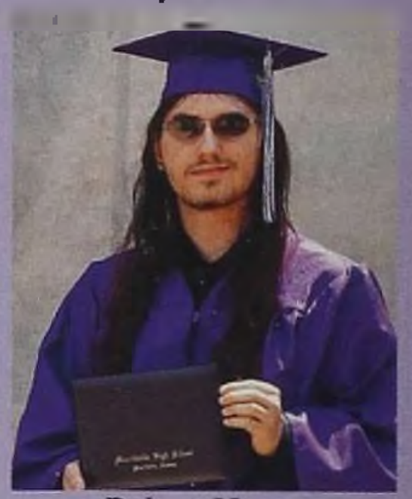
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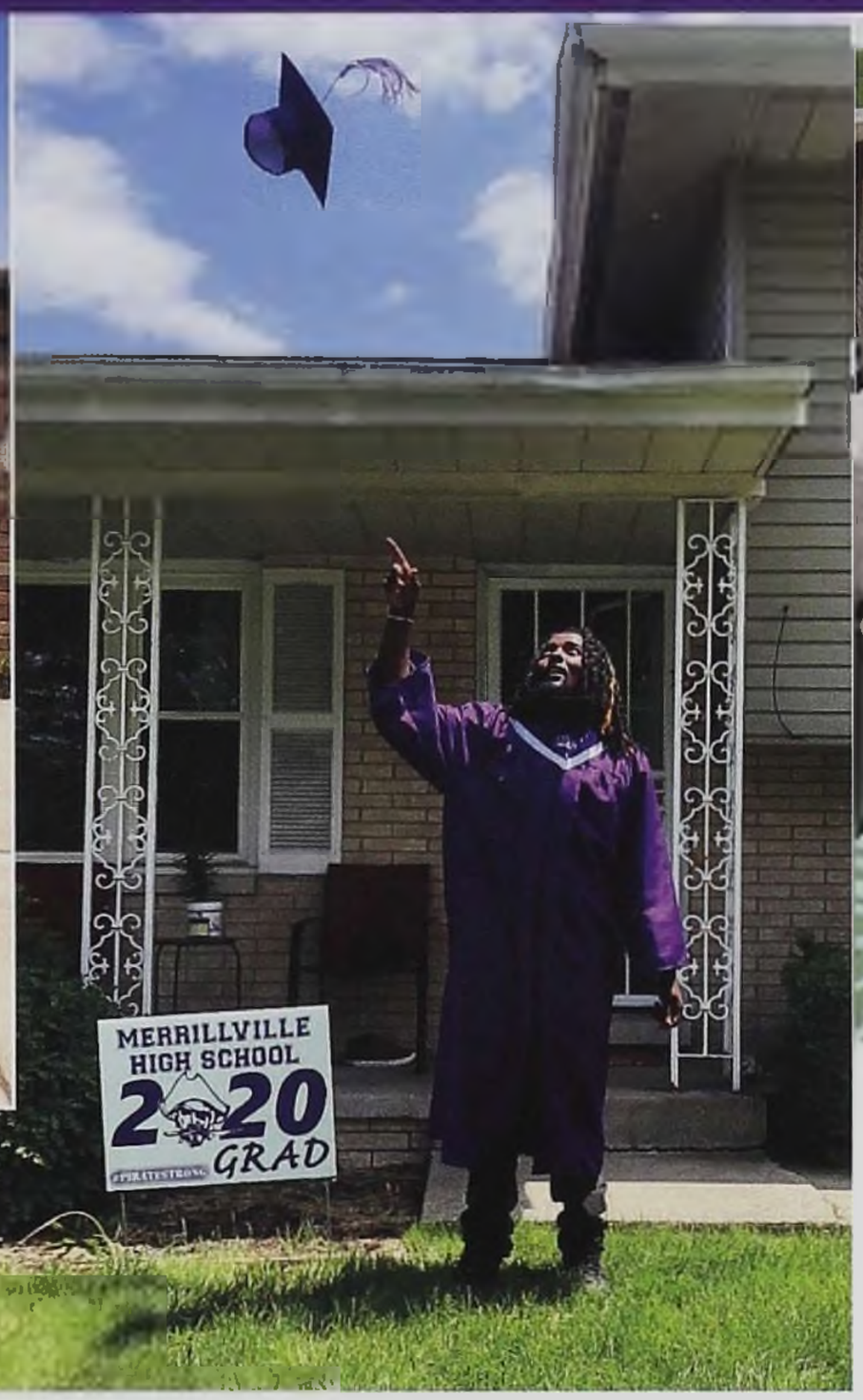

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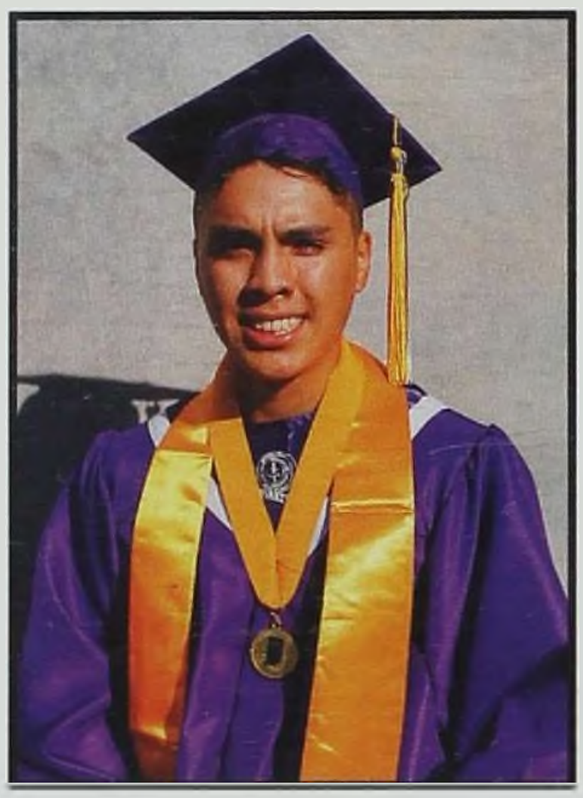

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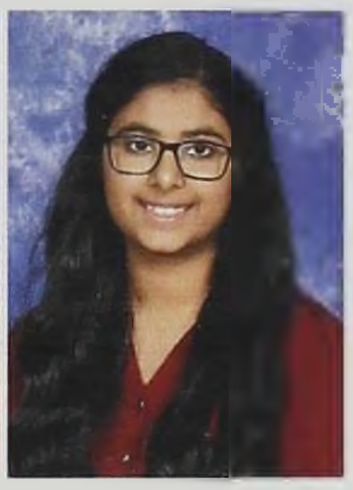

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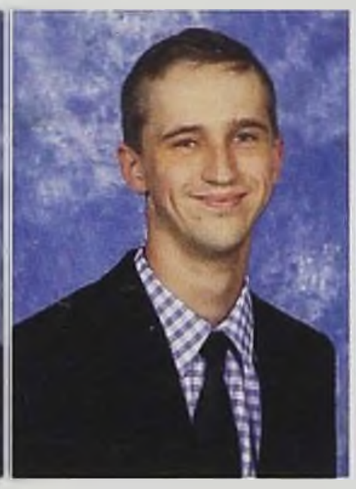

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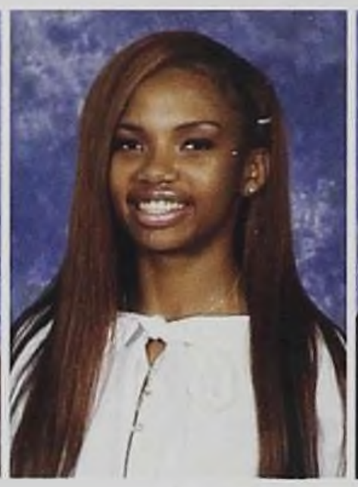

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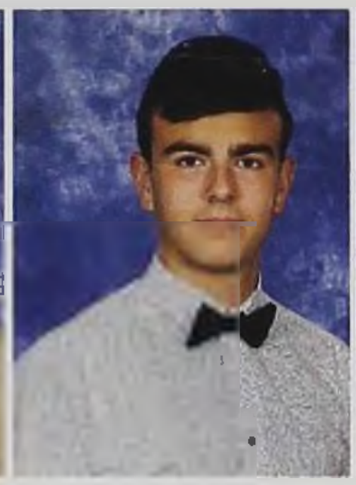

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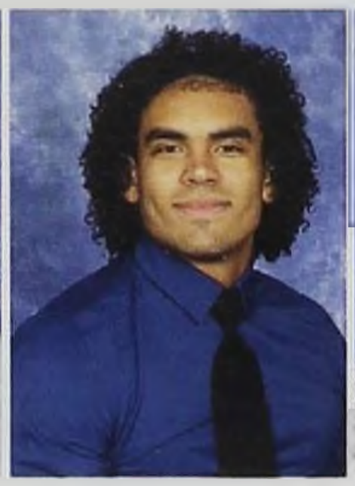

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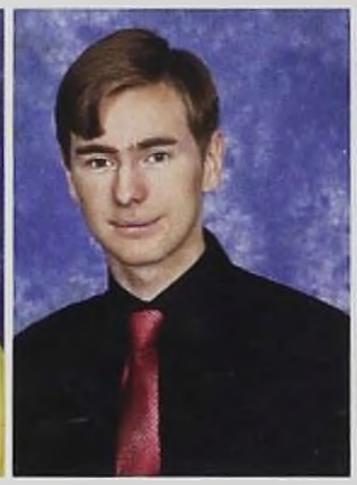

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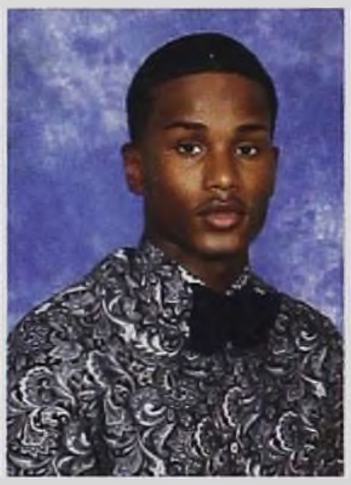

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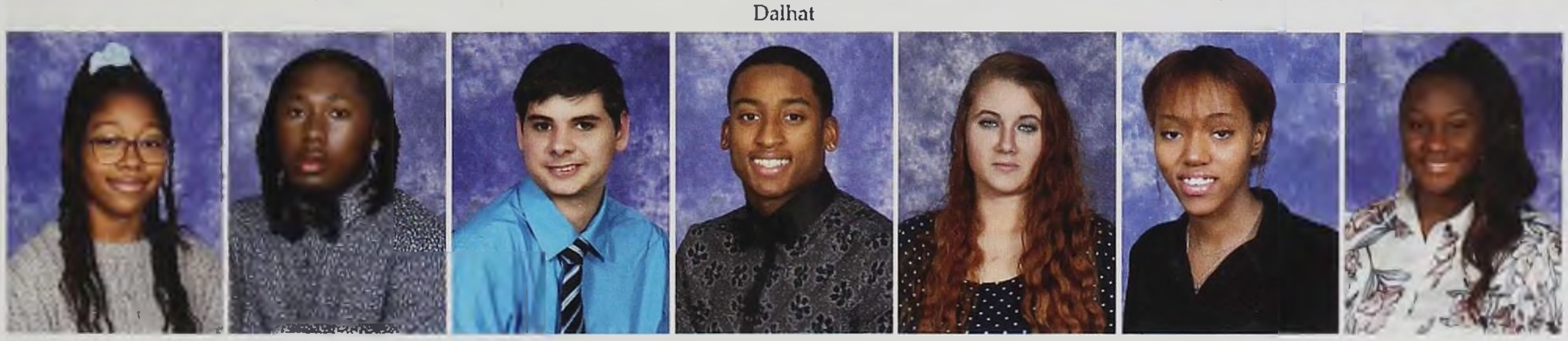

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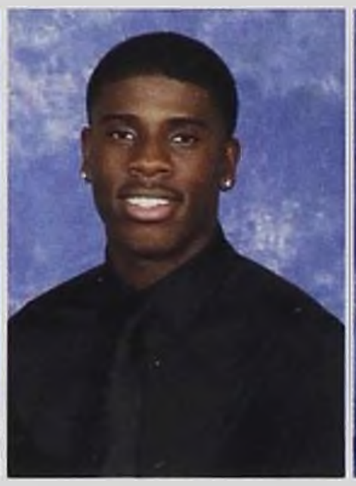

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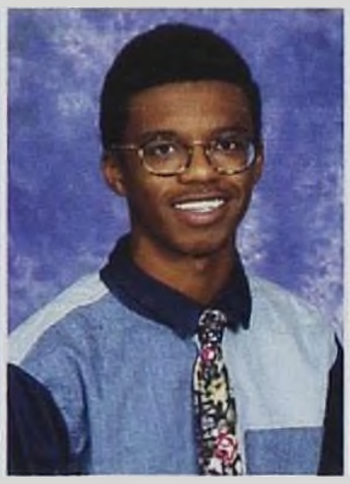
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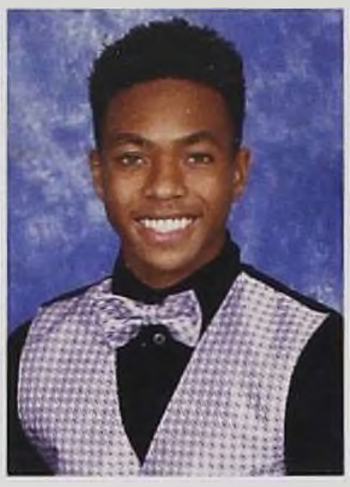

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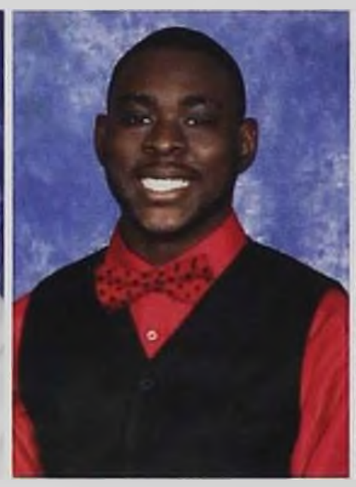

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Aminah Samba

Leah Sams

Diamond Sanders

Rachel Sandifer

Elijah Sandridge

Brisa Sanford

Angel Santos

Darius Schultz

Matthew Schwartz

Jack Scolaro

Janelle Scott

Camren Shaffer

Aaliyah Sharks

Uthon Shaw-Mitchell

Angel Simpson

Skye Skimehorn

Jillian Skokal

Christina Smith

Heavenly Smith

Phillip Smith

Jordan Sonnier

Steven Southall

Javonne Spivey

Emily Stevens

Ayonna Taylor

Shontiana Terry

Briana Thomas

Xavier Thompson

Lavader Tiney

Jon Tomlinson

Kevaira Torbert

Jay'da Trammell

Tianna Travis

Aaliyah Turner

Morgan Turner

SENIORS

Tyler Turner

Alberto Velasco

Jacqueline Velasco

Itzel Viramontes-Renteria

Austin Vo

Isaiah Vorice

Ari Walker

Destiny Walker

Ja'Leah Walker

Jerry Walker

Khris Walton

Sierra Ward

Daja Warren

Kennede Washington

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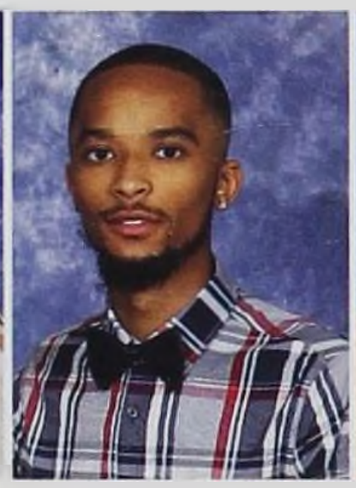

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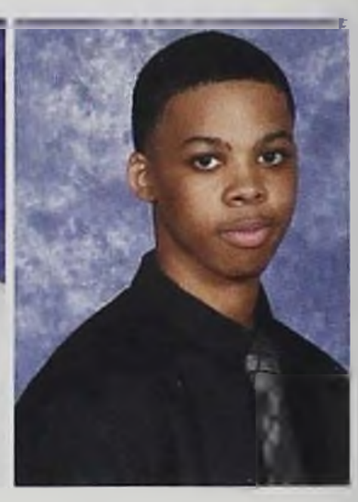

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Jevonte Williams

Jewel Williams

Malachi Williams

Myla Williams

Jesse Williamson

Angelo Winfield

Desire' Witherspoon

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Nathan Woods

AAliyah Wright

Malachi Wright

Margaret Wujek

Donmeique Yates

Aniyah Young

Lauren Young

Torey Young

CAMERA-SHY SENIORS

Adriene Alexander
Alexis Alexander
Bobby Allen III
Ruby Alvarado
Austin Argullin
Micha'el Ariana
Leonardo Bailey
Passionate Bone
Joshua Boone
Jordan Branik
Aliyah Burgos
Jorrianna Carey
Chanyal Carpenter
Sebastian Carrillo
Darius Carrington
Isela Casique
Jarrett Cason
Laurie Castaneda
Ashanti Castleberry
Ashley Chavez
Fatou Cisse
Kristian Collins
Axel Contreras
Devon Crews
Cameron Cunningham
Damian Dixon, II
Jamarcus Dixon
Monique Duque
Michael Duran, Jr
Jedidiah Edmonds, Jr
Yantrel Edwards
Kevin Espino

Sharetha Ezeako
Anthony Figueroa
Deven Flournoy
Lance Forbes
Kolby Ford
Kristina Ford
Teaun Ford
Dionjonae Franklin
Naomi Gibson
Dale Gough
Darius Frierson
Matthew Gagliano
Te'Cory Gaines
Christon Galbreath
James Gillespie, Jr
Dominique Golden
JaTavion Hardy
Lindell Harris
Jairius Hayden
Kenneth Hayes, III
Deonna Haywood
Layana Hazelett
Ashanti Henderson
Briantt Herman-Gama
Martin Herrera
Marquis Hillard
Maryann Hollins
Eric Hollowell
Brandon Hutton
Adonist Irving
Maksym Ivanov
Destiny Jackson

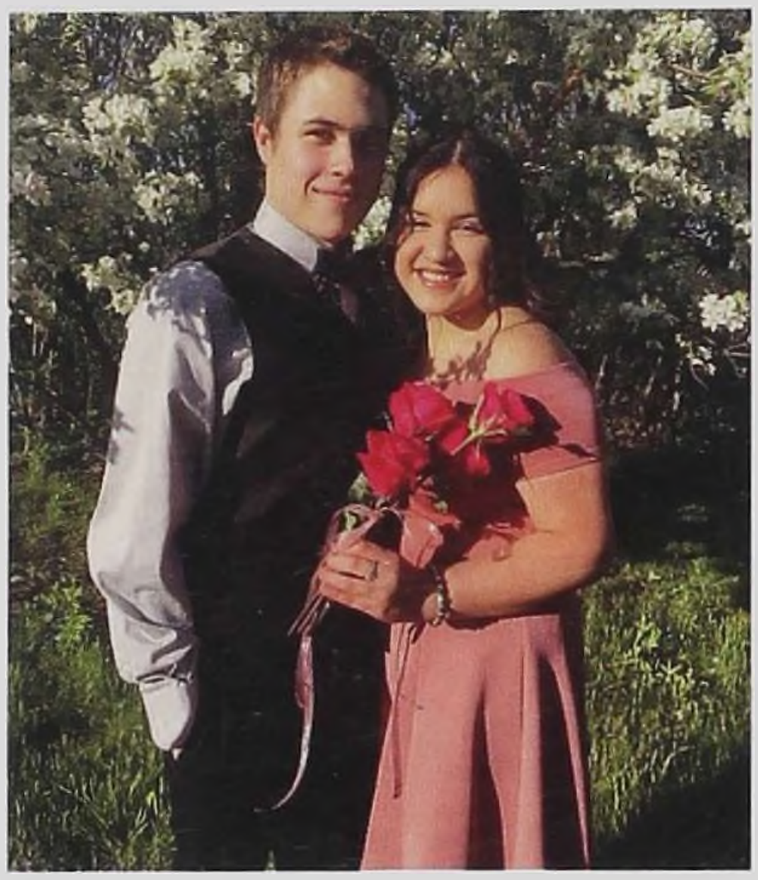
Corey Jackson, Jr
Deondra Jarvis
Cayenna Johnson
Yacarah Johnson
Jonae Jones Wright
Jacob Josleyn
Kenneth King, Jr
Joyce Kopca
Alize Lee
Colton Lee
Montral Lee
Ashanti Lenoir
JacquelineLewis
Sharita Love
Jacob Loyd
Juwan Maffett
Matthew Makarowski
Montea Mallett
Erinae Mayo
Gabriel Mayo
Deshawn McLaurin
John McFerren, III
Janae McFerrin
Brynlee Melcic
James Mitchell
Sade Mitchell
LaChe' Miyah
Eugene Mryszuk, I
Alexandria Murphy
Dexter Nalls, Jr
Maria Osoria
Deja Payne

Keith Pirtle, Jr
William Reese
Reagan Reynolds
Donte Rhodes
Tyrail Rias
Jakob Rice
Timiyia Rivers
Aaliyah Roberts
Amina Robinson
Aquivian Robinson
Ashanti Robinson
Andre Rodgers
Carlos Rodriguez
Jenae Ross
Nicholas Ross
Nicholas Rozwalka
Karina Ruiz Zaragoza
Osiris Selby, II
Kristopher Serrato
Aaliyah Sharks
Xzavier Shell
Crystal Sims
Abigail Smith
Aeryana Smith
Cheyenne Smith
Eriaunna Smith
Ke'Juan Smith
Daryll Smith, Jr
Janiya Stewart
Deanna Swanigan
Aniyah Talbert
Leila Tape

Jafar Taylor
Toyanna Taylor
Ramon Taylor II
Devon Thaxton
Emmanuel Thigpen
Johnisha Thomas
Kevin Thomas
Edward Tucker Jr.
Aaliyah Turner
Jesse Villareal
Alan'ya Williams
Elyis Williams
Dema'ya Unger
Sophia Upchurch
Cleophus Ussery, III
Brandon Ware
Doran Ware, Jr
Dennis Watson, Jr
Vaida Westerhoff
Kyree Whisenton
Jasmine White
Aahric Whitehead
Cecily Williams
Chantel Williams
Jeremiah Williams
Tylee Williams
Deshaun Williams, Jr
Anthony Williamson

At right, Azariah Avery, Janelle Scott, Tajah East, Joi Miller and Royale Miller

Below, Mason Martisauskas and Andrea Tapia



all dressed up

As the COVID threat lingered, it forced the postponement and eventual cancellation of the 2020 Prom. However, that did not stop some seniors from showing off their Prom fashions. From left, Maria Guardiola, Skye Skimehorn and Gabrielle Malave.

Darius Carrington

Shawnte Crenshaw

Andre Burns and Lauren Molenda

Thanks to Lamar Advertising, some of our seniors found their faces gracing area billboards. From left are: Ariel Riley, Ashanti Castleberry and Benjamin Brayfield.

signs of SUCCESS

Cecilia Adame-Davalos

Jewel Williams

Taira Amisu

Jasean McMillon

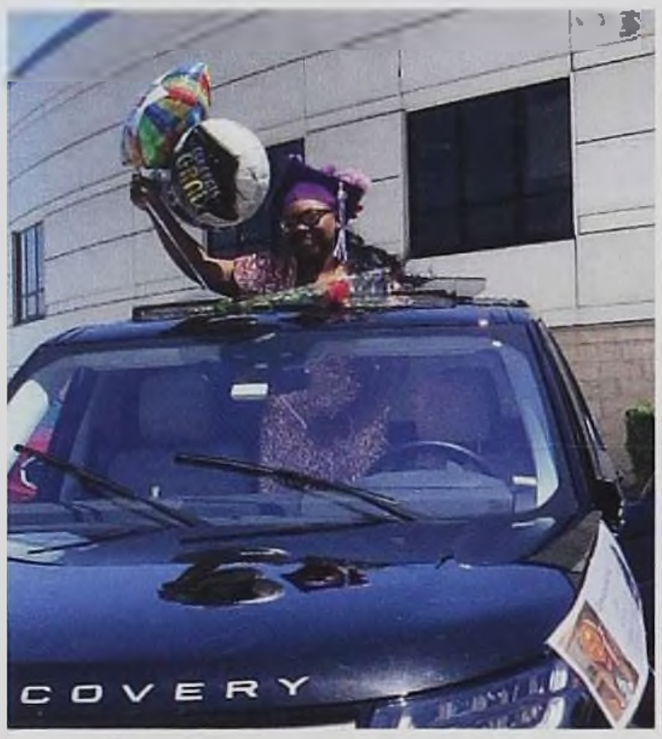
Joslyn Munoz

Jazlyn Powell

Graduates take Center Stage

Due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, seniors celebrated their graduation in a special outdoor ceremony

After receiving his diploma, Isaiah Morgan has his tassel moved to the left by Assistant Principal Mike Knocke.



Leaving in style, Jae'La Bean celebrates as she prepares to leave after receiving her diploma during the unique celebration.

Showing her emotion, Alexandria Murphy celebrates as her official graduation is announced.

Making it official, Assistant Principal Tim James moves Travien McGee's tassel from left to right as he hold his diploma proudly.

Taking center stage, Yasmeen Al-Ayyah receives her diploma from Principal Mike Krutz as she is applauded by friends and family.

Nicholas Ross

Keyaira Torbert

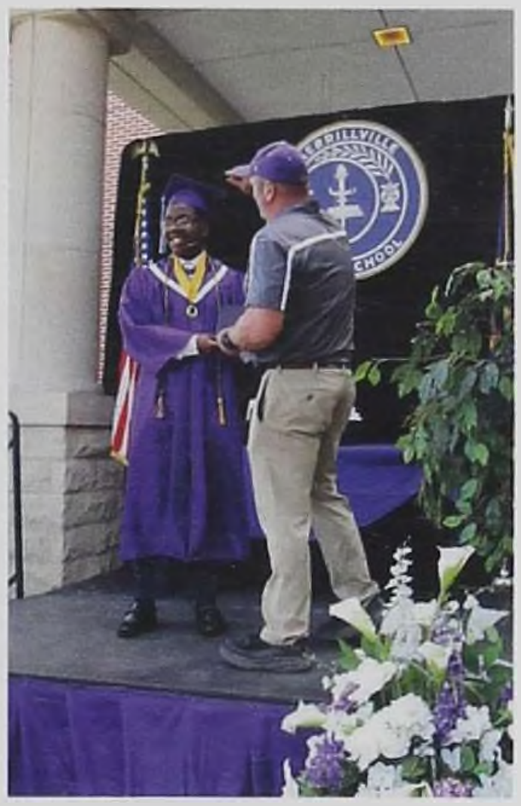
Malachi Wright

Morgan Turner

Phillip Smith Jr.

Samelah Clemmer

Jacquelyn Cuevas



Anthony Hudson

Xavier Alston's family

Shontiana Terry

Kennede Washington

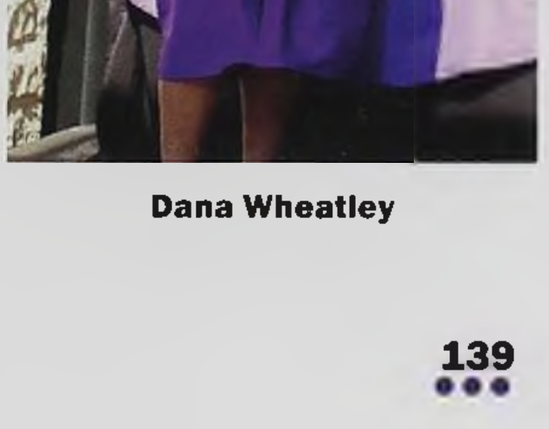
Angelique Williams

FAMILY MATTERS

Janae Bandy and family

Princess Brown and family

Aaliyah Turner



Dana Wheatley

James Montgomery

Mercedes Kurtis

Jordan Dunn

Mary Manis

Javonne Spivey

Isaac Montgomery

Ahmari Petty

... **Lex Mercer** receives his diploma from Assistant Principal Tim James

Jadon Exford

Makayla Funches & Dlonjonae Franklin

Patience Lyles

Kaiya Harris

Rodney Hudson

Montea Mallett

Maria Rodriguez

Amir Muhammad

James Nelson & Maurice Patrick

Nathan Migliori & Curtis Menci

Samuel Anguiano & family

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Beau'shay Armstead & family

Jaylin & Juwan Maffett

Brandon Ware

Bre'ocia Jackson

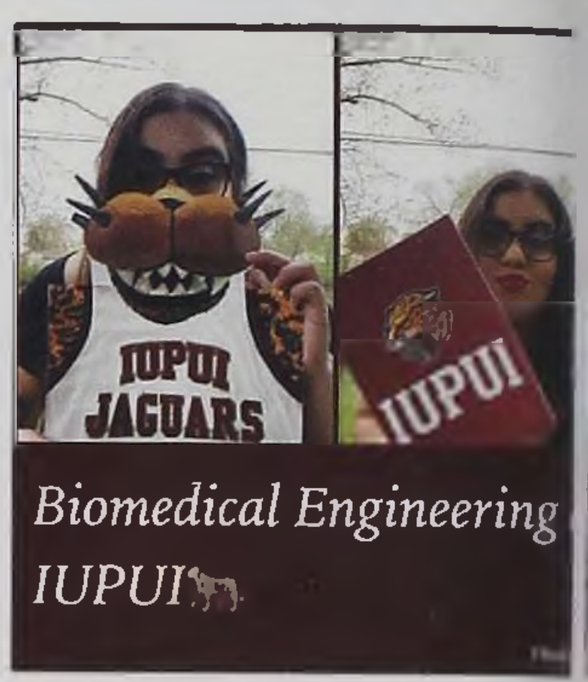
Darion Johnson

Seniors: What's Next?

Tianna Travis

Aaliyah Perry

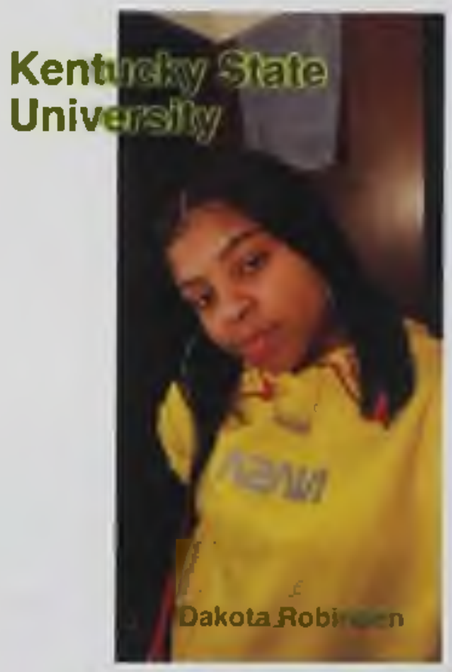
Isaiah Henderson



Yulissa Gonzalez

Deshaun Williams

Isaac Montgomery



Dakota Robinson

Maya Glass

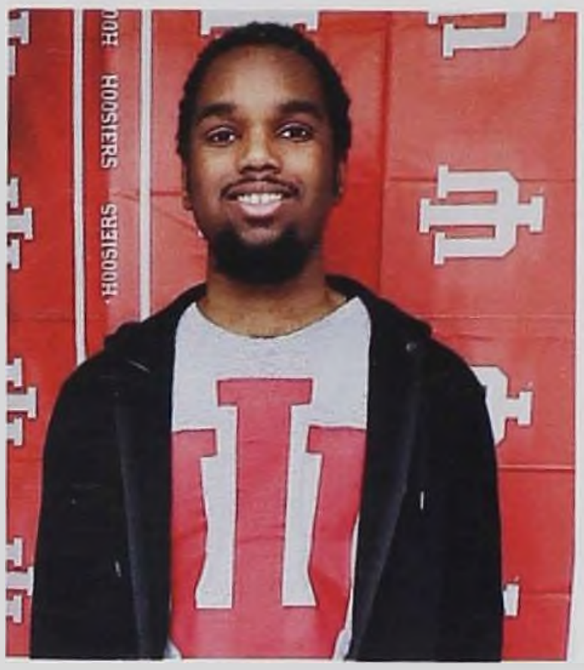
Jacob Josleyn

Michelle Gunnell

Heavenly Smith

Amnah Asghar

Brisa Sanford



Jared Golston

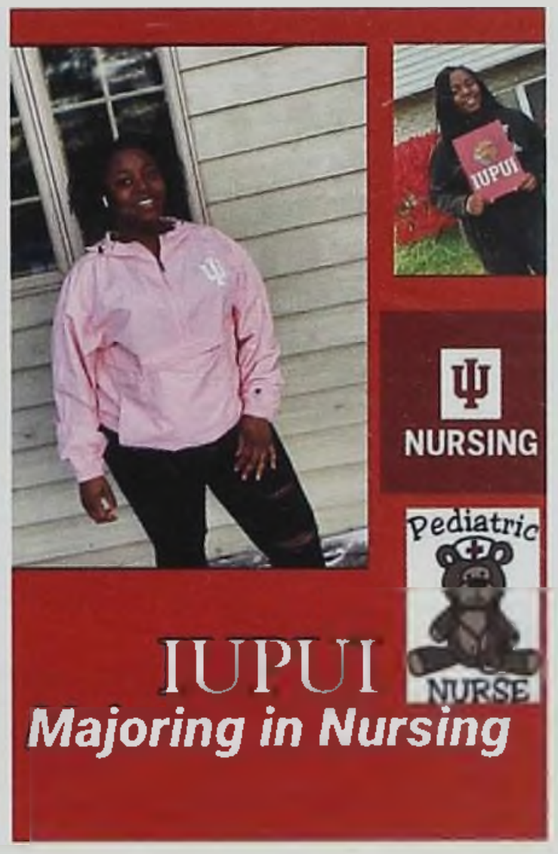
Travien McGee

Christopher Best

Citlali Gomez

Kylie Gidley

Razariah Combs



Desiree Alleyne

Garrett Harmon

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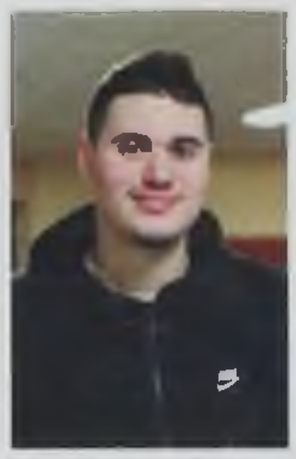

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Majoring in Social Work

Maria Guardiola – Purdue

Azariah Avery

Darion Johnson
DuPage College

Damian Dixon
Manchester Univ.

Xavier Alston
Lafitte Prep Academy

Martes Lewis
University of
Minnesota

Niko Djukic
Univ. of St. Francis

Mason Martisauskas
Monmouth College

Jasmyne Rivera
Purdue Ft. Wayne

Jerry Walker
Indiana Tech

Most School Spirit
Briana Thomas &
Justyn Jones

Most Popular
Zaria Lucious &
Justyn Jones

Most Likely to be Famous
Journey Barksdale &
Itez Mayo

Most involved
Jodi Corrales & Jerry Walker

Best Dancer
Jordan Barksdale &
Jeremy White

Most Spiritual
Chyna Royster &
Joshua Brooks

MVP
Amani Alvarez &
Anthony Rivera

Cutest couple
Janice Johnson
& Jordan Booker

Most Intelligent
Shamiya Beasley &
Jacob Maldonado

Most Likely to Teach at MHS
Jodi Corrales &
Niko Djukic & Anthony Rivera
(tie)

Most musical
Caroline Buckrop &
Maurice Morgan

Most artistic
Daziele Pearson &
Christian Gonzales &
Courtney Davis (tie)

Captain America
Dionna Lowe & Jacob Loyd

Justyn Jones

Briana Thomas

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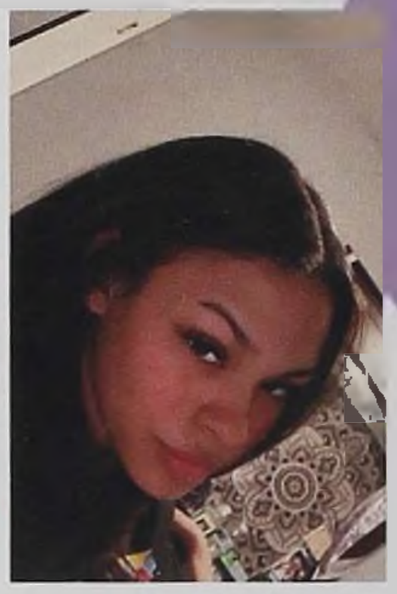
Imani Bowen



Jodi Corrales

Mikayla Brookshire

Shamiya Beasley

Jacob Maldonado

Josh Brooks

Chyna Royster

Jordan Booker & Janice Johnson

Niko Djukic

MERRILLVILLE
PIRATES
ANTHONY RIVERA
8X VARSITY LETTER WINNER
INDIANA SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION TOP TEAM PLAYER
2018 & 2019 138 LBS. SECTIONAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPION

Amani Alvarez

Kennedi Durham & Aallyah Wright

Caroline Buckrop

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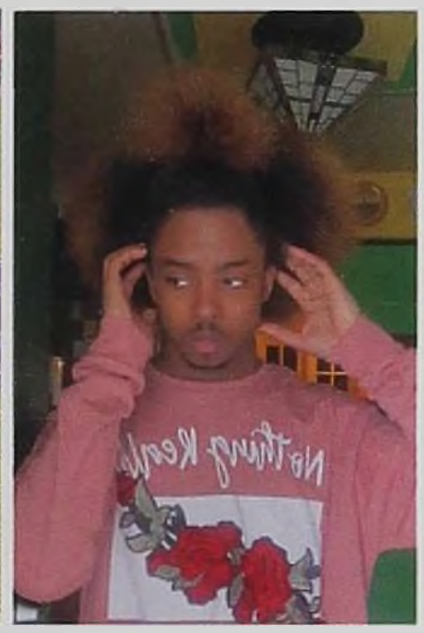


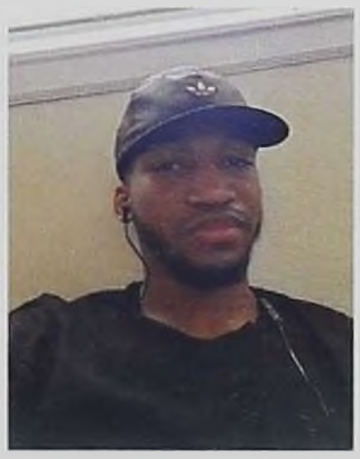
Jeremy White

Itzel Mayo

Jordan & Journey Barksdale & Arianna Chatman

Jaeden Newman

Ja'Leah Walker



Courtney Davis

Dazielle Pierson

Adrianna Carter

Darius Green

Kihya Price

Jennifer Bugarin

Christian Gonzalez

Nigel Phillips

Deonna Bowens

Razariah Combs

Tajah East

Korey Parker

Jacob Loyd

Dionna Lowe

Natalie Ordonez

Josh Cook

Aniyah Plainer

On Fleek
Zaria Lucious & Imani Bowen

Best Actors
Ja'Leah Walker
Niko Djukic & Jaeden Newman (tie)

Most likely to succeed
Jennifer Bugarin & Itez Mayo

Most attractive
Mikayla Brookshire & Imani Bowen

Best Personality
Kihya Price & Imani Bowen

Class clown
Natalie Ordonez & Josh Cook

Most Likely to Stay Friends
Aaliyah Wright & Kennedi Durham

Best dressed
Tajah East & Korey Parker

Killer Crew
Journey Barksdale, Jordan Barksdale & Ariana Chatman

Most Talkative
Aniyah Plainer

Best Car
Razariah Combs

Best Waves
Darius Green

Best Hair
Adrianna Carter

Best Eyes
Nigel Phillips

Best Smile
Deonna Bowens

Team Pictures . . .

Boys' Varsity/JV Football . . . Head Coach: Brad Seiss
Front Row: Iman McElroy, D'Vaya Milton, Ari Walker, Hayley Moss, Kierra Wylie, Rachel Dean, Sue Hayes, Naomi Griffin, Trinity Jenkins, Ashanti Lenoir, Mercedes Kurtis, Shania Williams, Jordan McGee; **Second Row**: Jasiah Johnson, Omodayo Oloyede, Ruben Harris, Darius Schultz, Dre'Shon Garrett, Kanye Wright, Austin Pupek, Taijon Span, Leon Garrett, Keith Wofford, Zachary Luscious, Kenneth Sharp; **Third Row:** Jae'von Henderson, Jay Powers, Cameron Williams, Devin Jarrett, Jaden Clark, Angel Nelson, Armani Glass, Xzavier Shell, Damian Dixon, Jeremiah Williams, Camonne Cobbins, Edward Akins; **Fourth Row:** Leon Roberts, Omodayo Oloyede, Nicholas Price, George Tyrone, Tyrese Frazier, Darius Carrington, Josiah Ellison, Anthony Hudson, Torius Cargle, Caleb Carter, Justyn Jones, Jordan Warnell; **Fifth Row:** Adonnis Johnson, Aaron Thompson, Eddie Drake, Kevin Chatman, Mikel Evans, A'veyawn Madry, Devin Sanders, RaShaun Donald, D'Andre Taylor, Niko Djukic, Jordan Sonnier, Andre Burns, Jaqai Gray, Jordan Magee; **Sixth Row:** Silas Mathis, Jeremiah Howard, Marc Watson, Breijon Peters, Davin Latiker, Avery Kirk, Anthony Mitchell, James Mitchell, Raleigh Roberson, Caleb Dulla, Peter Rodriguez, Tylee Williams, Shad Ulrich, Aahric Whitehead, Kenneth Hayes; **Seventh Row:** Josh Tuggle, Rayne Watson-Devine, Darion Johnson, Jason Streck,Theodore Sparks, Deeon Franklin, Martes Lewis, Kwata Osborne, Kenneth Grant, Andrez Malo, Kenyai' Fuller-Smith, Khris Walton, James McGrone, Jecobie Sims; **Back Row:** Brian West, Jason Renn, Connor Buxton, Josh Wissine, Dennis Hamilton, Josh Sabinas, Chris Richardson, Brad Seiss, Sieon Roberts, Tom Kelly, Ben Faulkner, Joe Atria, Anthony Curry, Denzel Pierce, Hank Kilander

Freshman Football . . . Head Coach: Hank Kilander
Front Row: Jeremiah Roberts, Giovanni Ramirez, Demetrius Calhoun, Darren Waclawik, Sean Wade, Robert Lewis, Camarion Cobbins; **Second Row:** Michael Jones, Elijah Shirrells, Fredrick Retic, Darein Lewis, Jalen Scoggins, Adonis Rodgers, Yancey Anderson, Morris Smoot; **Third Row:** Carter Jones, Jaden Carey, Arturo Santos, Jaylen Thomas, Quentin Sanders, Tahjae Banks; **Back Row:** Phillip Roche', Tyler Wheaton, Asst. Coach Chris Richardson, Head Coach Hank Kilander, Asst. Coach Sieon Roberts, Asst. Coach Tom Kelly, Ryen Davis, O'Shawn Kelly

Varsity Volleyball . . . Coach Josh Pradziad
Front Row: Aniya Shields, Mia Unmisig, Raven Edwards, Madeline Langer; **Second Row:** Jordyn Thomas, Mikayla Brookshire, Yasmin Gonzalez, Taira Amisu, Saniya Spalding; **Third Row:** Head Coach Josh Pradziad, Azariah Avery, Allison Richardson, Asst. Coach Amanda Banashak

JV Volleyball . . . Coach Amber Welsh
Front Row: Bianca McCarter, Anyla Shields, Jenae Crowder, Azariah Crosby, Grace Martinez; **Second Row:** Aliyah Kirk, Autumn Terrell, Kamery Hoover, Essence Keel; **Third Row:** Assistant Coach Alex Santana, Nia Ross, Kennedy Henderson, Victoria Smith, Makayla Boleware, Coach Amber Welsh

Boys' Cross Country . . . Coach Alex Hernandez
Front Row: Jahir Beltran, Lindell Harris, Daniel Bravo, Ruben Martinez, David Walton, Collin Barron; **Second Row:** Jacob Josleyn, Carlos Callahan, Larry Gunnell, Arturo Baranda, Kejuan Nelson-Reynolds, Jamie Pryle; **Back Row:** Coach Alex Hernandez, Jeremie Lander, Zack Dunn, Maurice Patrick, Coach Mike Hoffman

Girls' Cross Country . . . Coach Mike Hoffman
Front Row: Diamond Anderson, Precious Moore, Beah Corrales, Merci Tan, Hannah Villahermosa, Shaniyah Watts; **Second Row:** Kendall Karpen, Michelle Gunnell, Ciara Watson, Sierra Weaver, Natalie Martinez; **Back Row:** Coach Alex Hernandez, Lauren Gunnell, Brooklyn Edwards, Shamiya Beasley, Coach Mike Hoffman

Boys' Tennis . . . Coach Lonnie Wooden
Front Row: Makayla Jones, Benzi Corrales, Ronald Greene, Dylan Walton, Asia Kirklan; **Second Row:** Isaac Flores-Moss, Matthew Sahagun, Jamar Williams, Maksym Ivanov, Desmond Winters, Noah Terpstra; **Back Row:** Head Coach Lonnie Wooden, Anthony Williamson, Micah Rayburn, Olusoji Oduneye, Assistant Coach Ivan Sahagun

Dance Team . . . Coach Amanda Butler
Front Row: Donna Fisher, Ariana Campbell, Nikiyah Wolfe, Javiera Gamble, Aniyah Lopez; **Second Row:** Arianna Chatman, Razariah Combs, D'Vaya Milton, Nyla Gross, Jordan Barksdale; **Back Row:** Chairre Harris, Heavenly Bullard, Mikaela Fuentes, Kyla McCoy, Jaylah Croft

Girls' Varsity Soccer . . . Coach Jeff Fairbairn
Firont Row: Maria Guardiola, Emily Garcia, Jianna Torres; **Second Row:** Brooke Conner, Stephany Valladares, Kozmelina Morales, Andrea Hernandez, Miriam Velasco, Chasity Irizarry; **Third Row:** Aaliyah Perry, Sonia Baranski, Kaylee Conner, Catherine Hyland, Jacqueline Velasco, Areli Rosas, Aahliyah Moreno; **Back Row:** Coach Daniella Carbajal, Jazmine Joseph, Head Coach Jeff Fairbairn, Brisa Sanford, Asst. Coach Tammy Deel

Girls' JV Soccer . . . Coach Tammy Deel
Front Row: Cassie Hill, Sara Villarreal, Kiley Creel, Kendra Paredes Arias, Thalia Del Rio, Alyssa Noland; **Second Row:** Jordan Peters, Giselle Valesco, Haiven Mortenson, Amiah Hawkins, Monica Valladares, Diana Garcia, Daniela Nevarez; **Third Row:** Coach Daniella Carbajal, Patrice Heath, Elisa Fernandez, Coach Tammy Deel, Coach Jeff Fairbairn

Boys' Varsity Soccer . . . Coach Brian Past
Front Row: Isaiah Vorice, America Hernandez, Citlali Gomez, Dave Maldonaldo, Malik Hall, Jesse Villarreal, Jodi Corrales, Jerry Walker; **Second Row:** Itzel Viramontes-Renteria, Adeleke Igbasanmi, Eloiso Barajas Quintero, Jacob Maldonaldo, Elijah Sandridge, German Vargas, Aleks Pejovski, Yulissa Gonzalez; **Third Row:** Tyler Turner, Angel Paniagua Cedillo, Niko Djukic, Austin Vo, Anthony Rivera; **Back Row:** Asst. Coach Michael Sterling, Nikko Knight Josh Krause, Zack Krause, Victor Pagoada Hernandez, Head Coach Brian Past, Asst. Coach Jimmy Hernandez

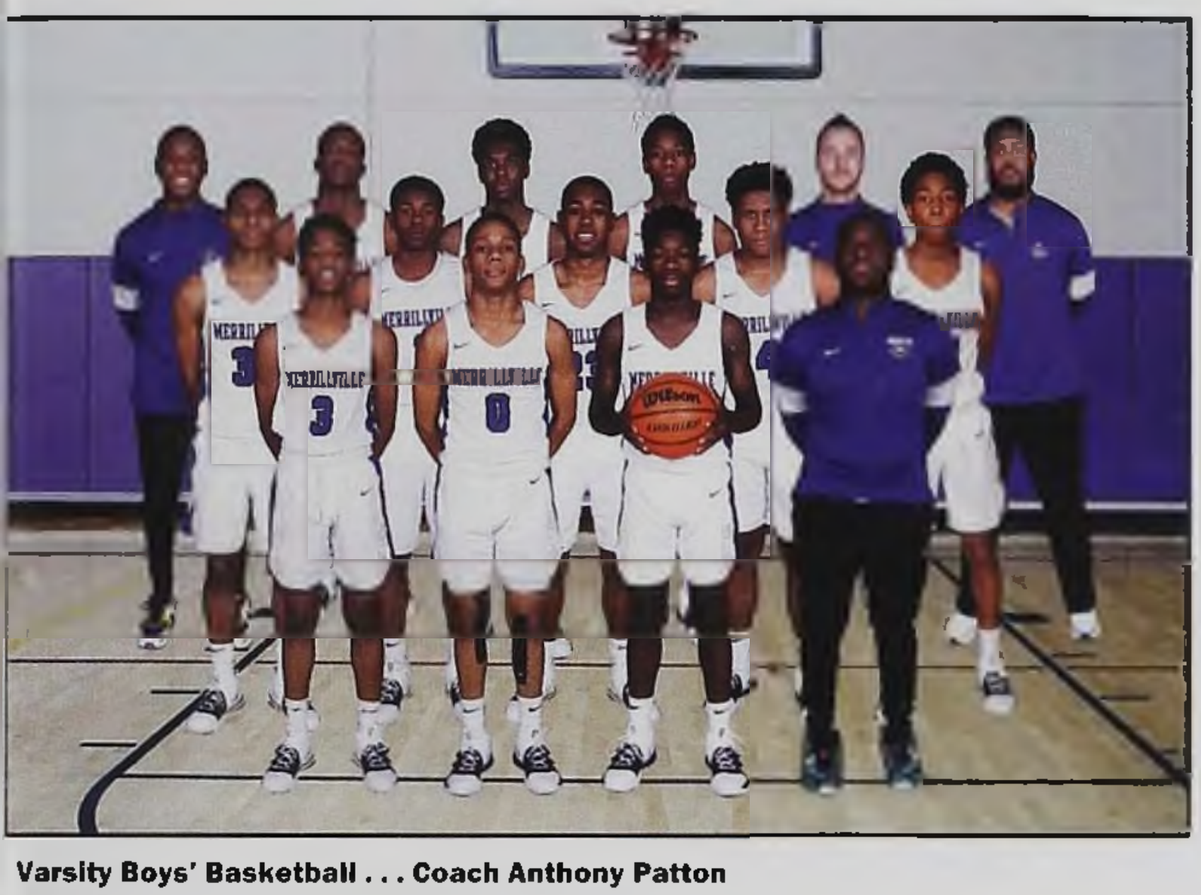
Boys' JV Soccer . . . Coach Brian Past
Front Row: America Hernandez, Citlali Gomez, Ivan Osorio, Raul Ministro, Cesar Gonzalez, Jodi Corrales; **Second Row:** Yulissa Gonzalez, Ricardo Palomo, Rame Sulieman, Yashiro Lopez, Alex Gomez, Chris Martinez, Itzel Viramontes-Renteria; **Third Row:** Sammy Franco, Andres Andino, Ryan Gonzalez, Xavier Arteaga, Hunter Frangis; **Back Row:** Asst. Coach Michael Sterling, Rafael Quintero Avila, Adrian Lopez, Aleksandar Djukic, Coach Brian Past, Asst. Coach Jimmy Ramirez

Girls' Golf . . . Coach Ben Daniel
Iman McElroy, Sincere Peterson, Zion Elliot, Head Coach Ben Daniel, Bria Ealy, Tyzhae Romer, Chanel Day

Gymnastics . . . Head Coach Diane Roberts
Front Row: Emily Jimenez Briana Thomas, Abreia Harbin-Marshall, Destinee Weaver; **Second Row:** Kamyra Williams, Mindie Cuozzo, Christina Smith, Amaya Williams, Emilee Thomas. **Back Row:** Asst. Coach Bethany Rochefort, Asst. Coach Nick Roberts, Head Coach Diane Roberts, Asst. Coach Crystn Morgan

Varsity Girls' Basketball . . . Coach Amy Govert
Front Row: Aaniejah Crim, Cailynn Dilosa, Micah Grady, Torri Miller, Amani Alvarez; **Second Row:** Mya-lee Jackson, Demiah Hawkins, Sheki'nah Thomas, Samya Miller; **Back Row:** Coach Amy Govert, Davina Smith, Destiny Walker, Armani Cole, Coach Kelly Kratz

JV Girls Basketball . . . Darian Patton
Front Row: Anyla Shields, Ryell Sandifer, Taliyah Chandler, Laila Moore, Alexia Williams; **Second Row:** Aniyah Hill, Azariah Crosby , Alanna Sabbath, Anaya Graham, Trinity Allen, Mya-Lee Jackson; **Back Row:** Coach Chloe Pridgen, Janiya Walker, Egypt Brandon, Coach A.J. Downs, Coach Darian Patton



Varsity Boys' Basketball . . . Coach Anthony Patton
Front Row: Kolby Ford, Jaylen Bandy, Dylan Coty, Joshua Brooks.
Second Row: Mark Leon, Jakobe Jones, Dorian Harris, Austin Powell, Juwan Bandy; **Back Row:** Anthony "Bo" Patton, Aaron Williams, LaVonta Ash, Ajanen Dixon, Dave Pritt, Michael Akins

JV Basketball . . . Coach Mark Akins
Front Row: Tavion Akins, Erik Chavez,Londell McGee Jr., Charles Jordan
Second Row: Reece Echarry, Larry Harlin, Silas Mathis, Angel Nelson, Kwata Osborne Jr. ;
Back Row: Raleigh Roberson, Isaiah Akinyele, Coach Mark Akins, Brian Akinyele

Freshman Basketball . . . Coach Connor Buxton
Front Row: Darrin Weaver, Christian Sabbath, Adam Eastland, Jeremiah Roberts, Alec Cunningham; **Second Row:** Alexander Belton, Michael Jordan, Sean Wade, Jeremiah Mayo; **Back Row:** Damian Banks, O'Shawn Kelly, Coach Connor Buxton, Tyler Wheaton, Louis Hunter

Cheer Team . . . Coach Lori Govert
Front Row: Zaria Lucious, Antonia Blair, Amaya Kirk, AAliyah Wright, Kennedi Durham; **Second Row:** Branae Bradley, Dasia Hawthorne, Mikaela Jones, Irelin Fulton, Mikayla Green, Jariah Runde, Cameryn Darrell; **Third Row:** Ashley Williams, Destiny Lilly, Sydney Jackson, Marissa Ford, Taylor Jackson, Taylor O'Hara, Devyn Walters, Gabrielle Swanson; **Back Row:** Korey Parker Jr., Aleksandar Djukic, Jerry Walker, Lindell Harris

Front Row: Jodi Corrales, Ma'Shyia Coates, David Maldonado, Jacobi Jones, Leah Peloza, Shania Williams; **Second Row:** Daniel Bravo, Alexis Cuazitl, Taveyon Gray, Josh Turner, Lucas Clement; **Third Row:** Taijon Span, Yashiro Lopez, Caleb Robinson, Mark Price, Isaiah Morgan, De'Ante Windrom, Jay Powers; **Fourth Row:** Anthony Brown, Jevonte Williams, Eli Sandridge, Tahjae Banks, Devonte Williams, Ryan Gonzalez; **Fifth Row:** Tyler Turner, Aleksandar Pejovski, Nasir Christion, Cameron Williams, Adeleke Igbasanmi, Malik Hall, Samuel Franco; **Sixth Row:** Daveon Murray, Juan Garcia, Jacob Maldonado, Anthony Hudson, Anthony Rivera, Cesar Franco, Seventh Row: Caleb Carter, Adrian Lopez, Kenneth Hayes, Khris Walton, Josh Tuggle, Zion Garcia, Exavier King or James; **Back Row:** Coach David Maldonado, Coach Paul Maldonado, Theo Sparks, Jason Streck, Coach Tom Kelly, Coach Joe Atria

Girls Swimming . . . Coach Pere Dorsuleski
Front Row: Angel Taher, Andrea Tapia, Iysis Perez, Darlenys Lantigua, Lauren Turner, Stephany Valladares, Janelle Dockins, Alexis Roldan; **Second Row:** Monica Valladares, Mikayla Holden, Hannah Robinson, Carmen Garcia, Fatou Cisse, Paige Raspberry, Alexis Garcia; **Back Row:** Pere Dorsuleski, Amanda Banashak, Jeremy Boyer, Tyler Jasso

Boys' Swimming . . . Head Coach: Pere Dorsuleski
Front Row: Benzi Coralles, Anthony Cruz, Xavier Osorio, Jared Jaramillo, DeAndre Dukes, Lorenzo Espinoza; **Second Row:** Jaydon Wilbon, Kamryn Outlar, Ivan Osorio, Mason Martisauskas, Matthew Sahagun; **Third Row:** Tyre' Perry, Isaac Flores-Moss, Desmond Winters, Ricardo Palomo, Cam'Ren Cole, Maksym Ivanov; **Back Row:** Pere Dorsuleski, Amanda Banashak, Jeremy Boyer, Tyler Jasso

Jacob Maldonado

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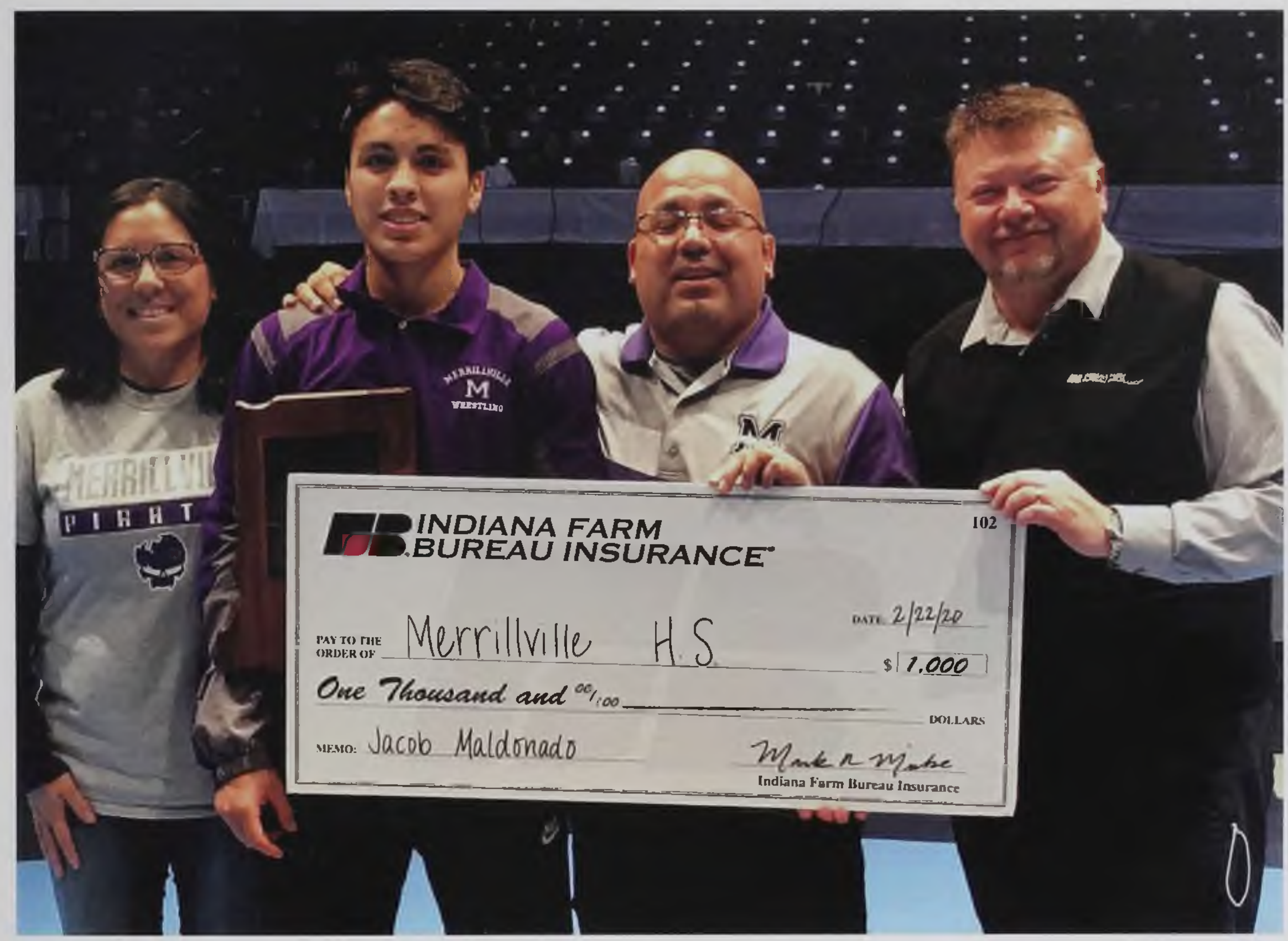

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Beginning Orchestra
Sponsor: Ms. Diane Rosenthal
First Row: Vincent Velasquez, Summer Day, Leah Beach-Dunkin, Jamiel Robinson, Trinity Allen, Brooklyn Edwards, Colin Early, Autumn Terrell, Alexis Roldan, Tyler Mitchell, Grace Martinez, Kejuan Nelson-Reynolds; **Second Row:** Heather Jordan, Anisa Newman, Nickya Davis, Mrs. Patricia White, Ms. Diane Rosenthal, Jaquira Luter, Bianca McCarter, Precious Moon; **Third Row:** Kyla Mensah, Monica Valladares, Breonna Jordan, Jariah Runde, Makayla Morris, Paige Simpson, Sarai Jones, Mikayla Holden Alyzandra Nunez; **Fourth Row:** Daniel Bravo, Lucas Zakutansky, Tamanie Lillie, J'yonna William, Jasmine Edwards, Izza Aftab, Jalisa Humphrey; **Back Row:** Aniyah Hill, Simone Henley, Cassidy Ward, Kyra West, Mateo Cruz, Bruno Gil

Intermediate Orchestra (2nd Hour)
Sponsor: Ms. Diane Rosenthal
Front Row: Kiersten Stowe, Jaeden Bester, Yolzin Peralta, Sonnet Smith, Kiley Creal, Shirmara Anderson, Caleb Carter; **Second Row:** Zion Elliott, Tierra Sellers, Trinity Edwards, Ms. Rosenthal, Andrea Tapia, Merci Tan, Rayonna Grady, Benzi Corrales; **Third Row:** Marisol Orozco, Ellora Scott, Carmen Garcia, Jaelyn McDuffie, Diamond Klyce, Kimaya Thomas, Makiah Jackson, Pedro Briseno; **Fourth Row:** Ciara Watson, Jaida Adams, Leah Peloza, Tayya Ingram, Autum Bainbridge, Jordyn Greer, Aysha Blocker, Ma'Kayla Mays, Layla Kellom, Desiree Alleyne; **Back Row:** Amiah Hawkins, Eric Hollowell, Anthony Johnson, Joshua Salter, Patrice Heath, Josiah Iverson, Elisa Fernandez, Angel Green. **Not pictured:** Priya Hildebrand, Jeremiah Williams, Chasity Irizarry, Jose Campos

Intermediate Orchestra (4th Hour)
Sponsor: Ms. Diane Rosenthal
Front Row: Devin English, Itzel Munoz, Caleb Robinson, Jada Jones, Anthony Cruz; **Second Row:** Emily Jimenez, Synia Norman, Jade McDuffie, Ms. Rosenthal, Lilly Colwell, Alexis Ornelas, Allison Richardson; **Third Row:** Fred Kinsey, Cristian Gutierrez, Jacqueline Velasco, Jordan Yanders, Cailynn Dilosa, Jennifer Bugarin; **Fourth Row:** Cesar Gonzalez, Sydney Jackson, Kairi Harris, Robert Hasan, Jared Jaramillo; **Back Row:** Jaylen Jones, Jaqai Gray, Tyzhae Romer, Michelle Adame, Matt Sahagun, Matthew Boone, Korey Parker

Advanced Orchestra
Sponsor: Ms. Diane Rosenthal
Front Row: Lauren Turner, Azariah Crosby, Noelia Arichavala, Nathan Mendoza, Kaitlin Raddatz, Donmeique Yates, Alexis Garcia; **Second Row:** Joshua Brooks, Lauren Young, Aahliyah Moreno, Brooklyn Chilcott, Ms. Rosenthal, Maria Guardiola, Sadia Hildebrand, Stephany Valladares, Karlo Sadural; **Third Row:** Aminah Samba, Sara Laurain, Royale Miller, Axel Beltran-Peralta, Mason Martisauskas, Enrique Ortiz, Alexandria Murphy, Mikayla Lemons, TaMar Marshall; **Back Row:** Joshua Lopez, Laila Barnes, Deonna Bowens, Kaylee Conner, Patience Lyles, Javonne Spivey, Faith Garrett, Olusoji Oduneye. **Not Pictured:** Jaylynn Jones, Kayla Danaher, Sierra Ward.

Jazz Orchestra
Sponsor: Ms. Diane Rosenthal
Front Row: Kejuan Nelson-Reynolds, Alexis Garcia, Summer Day, Nathan Mendoza, Caleb Robinson, Shirmara Anderson, Karlo Sadural, Joshua Brooks; **Second Row:** Trinity Edwards, Jalynn Jones, Ms. Rosenthal, Makiah Jackson, Fred Kinsey; **Third Row:** Robert Hasan, Ta'Mar Marshall, Mikayla Lemons, Laila Barnes, Royale Miller, Tayya Ingram; **Fourth Row:** Deonna Bowens, Kairi Harris, Izza Aftab, Pedro Briseno, Axel Beltran-Peralta; **Back Row:** Matthew Boone, Anthony Johnson, Patience Lyles; **Not pictured:** Karrington Davis, Kayla Danaher

Beginning Choir
Sponsor: Mrs. Melinda Reinhart
Front Row: Zoey Rose, Mikayla Green, Bria Ealy, Ashley Ervin, Janiece Dickerson, Tiana Westbrook, Damiah Shaw, Irelin Fulton, Diamond Sims; **Second Row:** Kayla Mabon, Kiera McGee, Serenity Pospishil, Jamerra Williams, Diamond Wright, Emily Rodman, Nadia Cooper, Hailey Conti; **Third Row:** Kai Anderson, Serena Ayala, Dashyia Williams, Kaleigh Stroh, Damon Bigham, Cam Chavez, Andrew McKnight, Deanna Hampton, Ashlyn Smith, Angela Primm; **Back Row:** Janiya Milton, Alannah Schafer, Genesis Williams, Gabrielle Swanson, Aleksandar Djukic, Mishaun Redmond, Jeremy White, E'lijah Bynum, Oluwashayo Oloyede, Tessa Mroz, Kayla Robinson Belton

Noteables
Sponsor: Mrs. Melinda Reinhart
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Choralteens
Sponsor: Melinda Reinhart
Front Row: Victoria Rivera, Brionca Collins, JaLeah Walker, Makayla Jones, Aysia Kirklen, Jayla Turner; **Second Row:** Jordin Cowherd, Jacob Vara, David Hasenjaeger, Tyrese Cooper, Lauren Molenda; **Third Row:** Kennedy Halliburton, NaRiyah Richardson Erin Escocbar, Miracle Davenport, Chantel Williams, Zuri Ellis, Aaliyah Williams; **Back Row:** Jarius Newman, Joshua Roberts, Alexus McGriggs, Sade' Daniel, Andre Burns, Nikola Djukic

Beginning Band
Sponsor: Mr. Mark Danielson
Front Row: Madisyn Dilosa, Erica Gatewood, Aliyah Johnson, Jessica Puente, Kenvar Pujoe Jr., Kyle Kmiec, Shelby Upshaw, Eva Mihail; **Second Row:** Alicia Marquez, Laila Moore, Hanna Trzupek, Amiria Galburth, Ryell Sandifer, Taylor Washington, Essence Keel, Emilee Thomas, Khristian Oliver, Jayden Lewis-Wherry; **Third Row:** Jahir Beltran, Camden Morgan, Taylor-Nicole Miller, Kenneth Ellis, Jaden Carey, Victoria Smith, Jabari Mcintosh; **Fourth Row:** Shyann Williams, Sabrina Garcia, Demetrius Calhoun, Karrington Patton, Patrick Jaworski, Adonis Watson; **Back Row:** Samuel Franco, Robert Barnes, Darein Lewis, Louis Hunter, Jacob Mahy, Allen Evans

Jazz Band
Sponsor: Mr. Mark Danielson
Front Row: Cameron Worthington; Shondia Horton; Tye Lundin; Keili Cruz; Jakia Johnson; Shelby Upshaw; Erica Gatewood; Alicia Marquez; **Second Row:** Imari Moore; Jovon Davis; Ashanti Castleberry; Darius Lewis; Courtney Evans; Christian Jones; **Third Row:** Allen Evans; Dorian Fuller; Robert Barnes; Ryan Gonzalez; Isaiah Henderson; Elijah Walker; Lea Patterson; Director, Mr. Mark Danielson; **Fourth Row:** Hanna Trzupek, Laura Serros; Savanah Smith; Joseph Sleweon; Patrick Jaworski; Andre' Burns; Vincent Feliciano; Jayden Lewis-Wherry; Brice Sanford; **Back Row:** Benjamin Brayfield; Peter Wujek; Deveon Lipson

Advanced Band
Sponsor: Mr. Mark Danielson
Front Row: Alexis Fox, Vincent Feliciano, Lea Patterson, Beah Corrales, Da'Nyjah Wash, Ashanti Castleberry, Hannah La Belle, Courtney Evans, Kamarie Fuller-McDade; **Second Row:** Rebecca Saluska, Myia Dickerson, Savanah Smith, Cameron Worthington, Laura Serros, Emily Stevens, Kaitlin Bowens, Imari Moore, Jason Steffel, Kyra Shannon, Christian Jones; **Third Row:** Ryan Gonzalez, Leah Sams, Gavin Lipsky, Kentawon Marshall, Tye Lundin, Ronell Lyles, Isaiah Smith, Malachi Williams, Joseph Sleweon, De'vean Lipson, Jovon Davis, Brice Sanford; **Fourth Row:** Cameron Cunningham, Zion Garcia, Adrian Lopez, Isaiah Henderson, Ryan Hollingsworth, Alberto Velasco, Nikhil Wiggins, Daja Warren, Benjamin Brayfield, RaShaun Donald Jr, Justyn Jones; **Back Row:** Everett Lewis, Nicholas Lewis, Maurice Morgan, Sean Dennehe, Breijon Peters, Micah Gholson, Darius Lewis, Jhaiden Lastic, Shondia Horton, Jeremie Lander

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ront Row: Jacqueline Salinas, Si'maya Morgan, Grace Woodson, Jakia Johnson, Jazman Williams, Navia Thomas; **Second Row:** Monique Williams, Perry Shearrill, Markee'a Vassar, Arieanna Parker, Jayla Wardlaw, Preston Martin; **Third Row:** Eddie Richardson, Deasia Thomas, Rame Sulieman, Myles Jones, Larry Gunnell, Josiah Nicholes; **Back Row:** Imani Dearing, Brianna Johnson, Ahmad Biddings, LeChaundra Sago, Zachary Krause, ames George

Art Club
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Sponsor: Mr. Tom Mackey
ront Row: Journey Pleasant, Amia Giddens, Cam Chavez, Itzel Munoz, Myia Dickerson, Merci Tan, Lauren Molenda, ndre Cereno; **Second Row:** Brianna Finch, Destiny Alvear, Naomi Griffin, Da'Veion Mosby, Jaiden Cobb, Andrew McKnight, Miracle Davenport, Ja'Leah Walker. **Third Row:** Priya Hildebrand, Kaitlin Bowens, Jasmine Mitchell, Kyra Shannon, Sade' Daniel, Faith Henderson, Iman McElroy, Aaliyah Perry; **Back Row:** Maxwell Patterson, Jarrett Smith, arius Taylor-Newman, Tom Mackey, Hunter Frangis, Andre Burns, James George IV, Daniel Dorado Jr.

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Front Row: Brooklyn Edwards, Diamond Sims, Precious Moore, Janiya Milton; **Second Row:** Kyra Shannon, Alyssa Antonakis, Christian Jones; **Third Row:** Olusoji Oduneye, Heavenly Bullard, Hayley Moss, Darius Lewis; **Back Row:** Enrique Ortiz, Justyn Jones, Azariah Avery and Destiny Walker.

Senior Mentors
Sponsor: Sarah Daniels
Front Row: Janice Johnson, Alexes Johnson, Deverieux Coleman, Jodi Corrales, Maleya Hall, Kaiya Cole, Ashanti Lenoir, Briana Thomas, Leila Dika, Kayla Mason; **Second Row:** Jaylah Croft, Dre'Shon Garrett, Asia Porter, Daziele Pierson, Autum Bainbridge, Janae Bandy, Shakyrah Parson, Amani Alvarez, Aaliyah Wright, Antonia Blair, Imani Johnson; **Third Row:** Deonna Bowens, Jerry Walker, Jordan Booker, Kristyl Haymon, Dorothy Oduwaye, Kennede Washington, Donmeique Yates, Kayla Alcox, Raven Embers, Desirae Williams, Ariana Bandy, Justyn Jones; **Back Row:** Maurice Morgan, Aahric Whitehead, Destiny Walker, Jack Scolaro, Darius Green, Niko Djukic, Chyna Royster, Azariah Avery, Jacob Maldonado, Daja Warren, Isaiah Henderson, Malachi Williams

ENL
Sponsor: Miss Dawn Czuba
Front Row: Jameelah Ali, Hetvi Patel, Marianna Lares, Jovani Hernandez; **Back Row:** Dishant Patel, Parth Bhogayata, Dawn Czuba, Adeleke Igbasanmi, Ekene Onyekachi

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Sponsor: Mrs. Sheryl Loving & Ms. Cheryl Austin
Front Row: Keyari Cooper, Precious Moore, Isela Casique, Brianna Baeza, Natasha Soweka, Jakia Johnson; **Second Row:** Diamond Sims, Angelica Villarreal, Destiny Jernigan, Ashley Reyes, Skylar Wilson; **Third Row:** Tina Higgins, Razariah Combs, Anthony Pettigrew. **Back Row:** Journey Barksdale, Terryon Johnson, Brooklyn Edwards, Courtney Davis

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ponsor: Mr. Past/Harvoth
irst Row: Sharetha Ezeako, Iman McElroy, Javiera Gamble, Kayla Mason, Ja'Niya Tuggle; **econd Row:** Mikayla Lemons, Roderick Washington, Yanheim Edwards, Paige Raspberry, Fatou isse; **Third Row:** Niko Djukic, Mikel Evans, Anthony Hudson, Shad Utrich; **Back Row:** Mr. Brian ast, Chyna Royster, Destiny Walker, Mr. Josh Harvoth

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Sponsor: Mrs. Beverly Van Drunen
First Row: Mrs. Jackeline Mondragon, Jameelah Ali, Amira Hamed, Ashanti Lenoir; **Second Row:** Ta'Jannay Taylor-DeArmon, Hayley Moss, Mrs. Van Drunen, Marissa Ford, Dre'sh-on Garrett; **Back Row:** Patrice Heath, Lavader Tiney, Chyna Royster, Azariah Avery

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hess Club
Sponsor: Mr. Sean Meagher
ront Row: Serena Ayala, Thomas Snowden, Deshaun Williams, Joshua Lopez, Peter Wujek; **ack Row:** Alberto Velasco, Mr. Meagher, Denzel Mitchell, Chloe Harris

GSA
Sponsor: Ms. Trisha Keown
Front Row: Ariana Booker, Rebecca Saluska, Tianna Travis, Brianna Finch, Myia Dickerson; **Back Row:** Tobias Stroh, Chloe Harris, Serena Ayala, Sophia Upchurch.

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Sponsor: Ms. Betty E. Jordan & Mrs. Veronica Maldonado
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STAND
Sponsor: Mrs. Sheryl Loving
Front Row: Natasha Soweka, Jakia Johnson, Rayonna Grady, Sonnet Smith; **Back Row:** Jaelyn McDuffie, DeAndre Dukes, Christian Jones, Imani Dearing; **Not Pictured:** Brandi Chatman

Culinary Arts Class
Sponsor: Ms. Patti Tubbs
Front Row: Shawnte Crenshaw, Shani'ya Gonzalez, Romella Bozeman; **Second Row:** Ms. Tubbs, Isis Jones; **Back Row:** Ali Jaime Jesse Williamson, Ayanna Edwards

Culinary Arts Club
Sponsor: Ms. Patti Tubbs
Front Row: Ms. Tubbs, Jae'La Bean, Si'maya Morgan, Isis Jones, Nevah Arnold; **Second Row:** Marche' Thomas, Lisa Henderson, Diamond Sanders, Sade Daniel.

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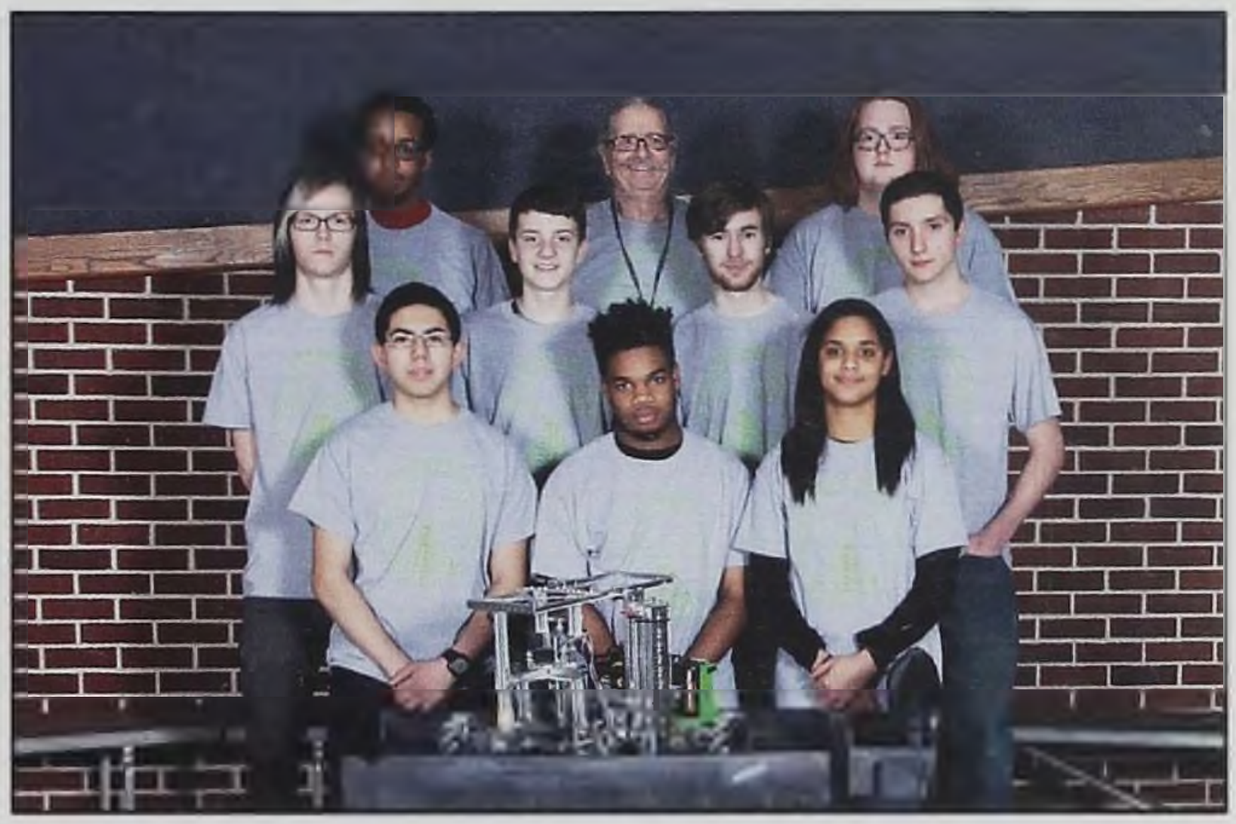
nvironmental Club
ponsors: Ms. Betty Jordan & Mrs. Veronica Maldonado
ront Row: Precious Moore, Jameelah Ali, Jodi Corrales, Sadia Hildebrand; **Second Row:** yzandra Nunez, Monica Valladares, Aaliyah Perry, Amnah Asghar; **Back Row:** Anthony hnson, Ms. Betty Jordan, Mrs. Veronica Maldonado, Deonna Bowens



Robotics
Sponsor: Mr. Charles Seligman
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ponsor: Mrs. Carol Vonbehren
ront Row: Mikayla Williams, Jhada Hodge, Tianna Travis, Jae' La Bean, Marche' Thomas; **econd Row:** Jordan Booker, Janice Johnson, Mrs. Vonbehren, Jasmine Patterson, Jason teffel; **Back Row:** Vincent Feliciano, Dorothy Oduwaye, Robyn Greene, Ronald Greene, ryanna Boone, Kiersten Stowe

Mock Trial
Sponsor: Mrs. Alison Skertic & Mr. Dana Moslander
Front Row: Ariel Riley, Diamond Sims, Wisdom Chandler, Deverieux Coleman, Zion Elliott; **Second Row:** Alexis Johnson, Angela Primm, Mr. Dana Moslander, Mrs. Alison Skertic, Genesis Williams; **Back Row:** Chanelle LeGrand, Victoria Smith, Aniyah Young, Courtney Davis, Kayla Belton; Jorge Perez, Janiya Milton, Azariah Avery, Jack Scolaro and Avery Timmons.

Men on a Mission
Sponsors: Mr. Elisha Israel & Mr. William West
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Second Row: Andronakis Clay, Veldie Hubbard IV, Sean Gardner, KorDae Gaines ;
Back Row: Mr. William West, Da'Veon Matthews, Johnathan Smith, Micah Rayburn, K'Lohn Burns, Jafar Taylor and Mr. Elisha Israel

Building Trades
Sponsors: Mr. Terrell Taylor
Front Row: Brendan Rogers, Ayonna Taylor, Eric Williams, Ja'Tavion Hardy;
Back Row: Nathan Mendoza, Christopher Poulos, Mr. Terrell Taylor, Aahric Whitehead, Kyree Whisenton

First-Year Drill Team
Sponsor: SMSgt. Daniel Wrasman
Front Row: Taliyah Dean, Alannah Schafer, Kaleigh Stroh, Cristian Moran Gonzalez, Melinda Underwood; **Back Row:** Elijah McKinney, Janiya Milton, Aryanna Pena, Ayan Johnson

Advanced Drill Team
Sponsor: SMSgt. Daniel Wrasman
Front Row: Eric Hollowell, Bailey Smith, Elijah Collins, Dazielle Pierson, Angelina Wilkins, Brynlee Melcic, Yasmine Villerreal; **Back Row:** Jon Tomlinson, Ariel Gonzalez, Cayla Howard, Xavier Herzog, Jacob Loyd, Dionna Lowe, Taliyah Riley, Aidan Stone, Andrea Tice

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Sponsor: Dana Winkle
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Front Row: Dajanay Weaver, Kimaya Thomas, Caroline Buckrop, Adrianna Carter, Cheyenne Moton, Ashanti Lenoir; **Back Row:** Malachi Williams, Bryanna Boone, Desirae Williams, Jordan McGee, Evelyn Hernandez, Robyn Greene, Alexis Alexander; **Not Pictured:** Kennedi Durham, Kihya Price, Morgan Turner, Abigail Thomas, Vaida Westerhoff, AAliyah Wright

French Club
Sponsor: Miss Irene Spiro
Front Row: Jennifer Mbachu, Dazielle Pierson, Erin Escobar, Heaven Allen, Deonna Bowens, Ariana Booker; **Back Row:** Avery Timmons, Courtney Davis, Miss Spiro

Spanish Club
Sponsor: Mrs. Melissa Byerly
Front Row: Yulissa Gonzalez, Itzel Naomi Viramontes-Renteria, Stephany Valladares, Monica Valladares, Alexander Gomez; **Back Row:** Enrique Ortiz, Deonna Bowens, Julian Carrejo, Richard Grey, Chyna Royster, Maurice Morgan

lational Honor Society
ponsor: Mrs. Catherine Lobody
ront Row: Maria Guardiola, Keili Cruz, Ja'Leah Walker, Briana Thomas, Sadia Hildebrand, Raina Jenkins; **econd Row:** Deverieux Coleman, Lauren Young, Tianna Travis, Yulissa Gonzalez, Itzel Viramontes-Renteria, minah Samba, Kennede Washington; **Third Row:** Janice Johnson, Amnah Asghar, Diamond Sanders, Michelle Gunnell, Kayla Alcox, Ariel Riley, Raven Embers; **Fourth Row:** Razariah Combs, Deonna Bowens, Mercedes Kurtis, Desirae Williams, Dazielle Pierson, Daja Warren, Enrique Ortiz, Donmeique Yates; **Back Row:** Dorothy Oduwaye, Malachi Williams, Isaiah Henderson, Julian Carrejo, Ms. Catherine Lobody, Robyn Greene, Patience Lyles, Sierra Ward

Key Club
Sponsor: Mr. Alex Bodine
Front Row: Amnah Asghar, Jade McDuffie, Sadia Hildebrand, Dennis Sikorski, John-Michael Vargas; **Back Row:** D'Aundria Bolden, Tamaria Reavley, Cheyenne Pitts, Mr. Bodine

Peer Tutors
Sponsor: Mrs. Barb O'Halek & Ms. Cissy Gonzalez
Front Row: Dionjonae Franklin, Caiyla Davis, Zaria Lucious, Ashanti Lenoir, Maleya Hall, Nya Russell, Emily Stevens; **Second Row:** Michelle Gunnell, Ah'Nya Matthews, Kristina Ford, Jaiel Gamble, Keyerra Jolley, Jisela Herrera, Sabrina Kamal-Dalnat, Jacob Melendez; **Third Row:** Jon Tomlinson, Jasmine Patterson, Janiya Stewart, Alayah Whiteside, Mercedes Kurtis, Justine Imes; **Back Row:** Robyn Greene, Jacqueline Lewis, Ma'Kayla Mays, Eric Williams, Malachi Williams, Eddie Drake, Sade' Daniel

Debate
Sponsors: Mr. Alan Mizimakoski & Mrs. Samantha Unterfranz
Front Row: Arianna Davis, Johanna Steele, Mrs. Unterfranz; **Back Row:** Courtney Davis, Aniyah Young, Chanelle LeGrand

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Take pride in how far you have come
& have faith in how far you can go!

Darion Johnson

Son,
We're so PROUD of you. KEEP up the GOOD WORK & Always remember to keep GOD 1st. The SKY IS THE LIMIT SWEETHEART.

Luv Mom & Dad.

Miss Diamond Chanel Sanders

I'm so very proud of you Baby Girl!
Congratulations and May God continue to Bless You on your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom

Michael N. Mathews

Congratulations!
Continued success in all that you do and accomplish.
Love,
The Mathews, Perkins and Reed Family

Deverieux A Coleman

I am so proud of you and your accomplishments! Keep God first and stay focused. See how far you can soar!
Love
Mom

Kayla Mason

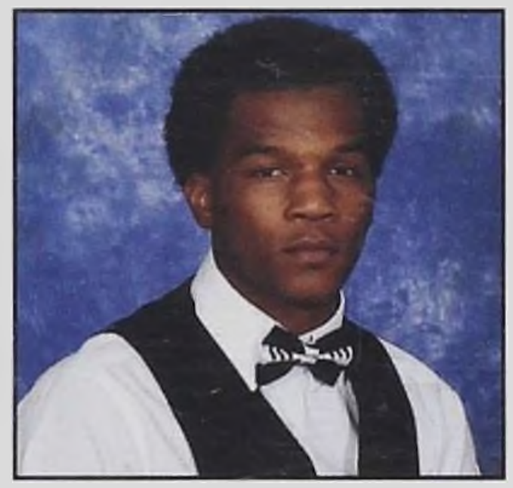
To our beautiful daughter,
This is the first of many achievements for you.
Always believe in yourself.
We are very proud of you.
Congratulations Graduate!
Mom & Dad

Sade' Daniel

Life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential.
Love Always,
Mom

Darius Devon Schultz

Darius we are so proud of you & all your accomplishments.
Whatever you do in life, always remember to keep God first.
Love you eternally Son,
Mom & Dad



AMINAH SAMBA

WE NOTICED YOUR HARD AND EXCELLENT WORK CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

Jerry Walker

Congratulations Jerry!! Amazing job of completing high school and moving forward to your next goal. Your family is so proud of you!!
#teamJerry

Xavier Alston

Look at our son! Pride is not the word we're looking for now. It's time for something new. As your biggest fans, we can't wait to see what's next. Congrats son!!
Love, Mom & Dad

Justyn Jones

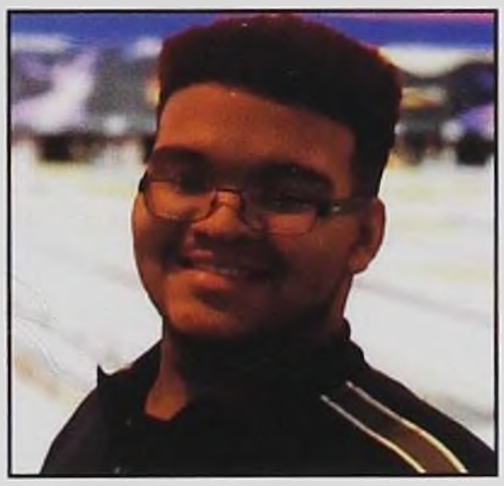
CONGRATULATIONS!!
Justyn MHS graduating class of 2020. We are so proud of you and wish you much success!!!!!

We Love You Mom & Dad

Christopher Best

We are incredibly proud of you son! Your future will absolutely be filled with greatness.

Love, Mom and Dad



Sadia Anne Hildebrand

Sadia,

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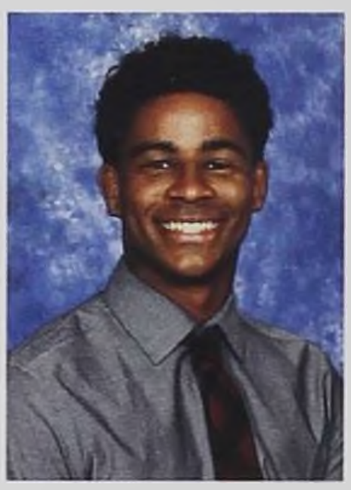

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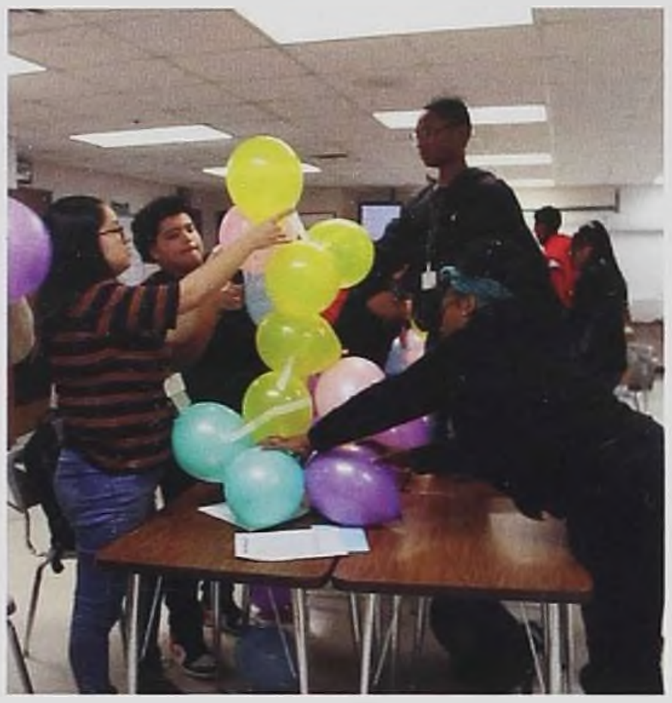

At the start of second trimester, yearbook staff members participate in a team bonding activity. They found that working together and sharing ideas made their tasks much easier.

Keeping out the noise, Jordan Booker (12) writes a story for the yearbook. Booker, who worked on both the yearbook and newspaper staffs, planned on majoring in journalism in college.

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During the quarantine, staff members meet via Zoom to share ideas for what to include in the book to replace canceled activities.

final look

The Merrillville High School Yearbook staff is proud to present the 95th volume of the Merrillvue yearbook.

When the staff began planning for this book, there was no way we could foresee what was in store for 2020. Ads were sold, events were covered and everything was running smoothly. Then came Friday the 13th. When we left that afternoon, we thought it was just for a few weeks.

The staff continued to work remotely from home, but we could not have put out this book without a lot of help – especially from students, parents and teachers who sent in photos during e-learning.

We would especially like to thank Mr. Tom DiGrispino who took our club photos and the majority of our sports photos, and Mr. Bryant Isabell who took all the formal graduation photos -- working all week in 90-degree heat.

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